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Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director

Adam Dorrel and Scott Courter (above) encourage the players by yelling "defense" during Saturday's basketball game against Missouri Western State College. Dorrel and Courter, both Bearcat football players, are used to fan participation at sporting events. (Below) Boston Schneider, a Bearcat superfan, claps the team on at the game. He knows most of the players by name and number and also prays for every member before bedtime.



Darren Papek/Photography Director

'Cats' fans rock Arena

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

While he watches the game, his eyes never leave the court. He knows all the players' names and numbers and religiously attends all the home games. This superfan has a unique devotion to the Bearcats — especially since he is only 3 years old.

Boston Schneider, son of Shari and Dean Schneider, is one of the Bearcats' biggest fans.

Boston is so dedicated he will not leave the arena at halftime or during warm-ups, Shari said.

"He calls it the green and white team," Shari said. "We just went to games and he totally picked up on it. He even knows some of the lingo."

Boston is such a huge supporter of the Bearcats that at night before bedtime he prays for every member of the team.

"Tuesday night (after the Missouri-Rolla game) he sat down to say his prayer and said 'Mommy, I don't want to pray for anyone,'" Shari said. "He said that he wanted to pray for the Bearcats, Maurice (Huff), Shakey (Harrington), Mike

(Morley), (Phil) Simpson, (Matt) Redd..."

Boston loves the Bearcats, but he is not the only superfan.

Diane Krueger, geology/geography instructor, is a huge supporter of the Bearcats. She has attended nearly all the home games.

"I believe in supporting them no matter how they are doing," Krueger said.

Krueger not only attends the games but really participates in the action. When songs such as "YMCA" play, she along with registrar Linda Girard and Jim Smelzer, chemistry/physics professor, cheer and dance to the music.

"I am very excited about how well our team has done this year," Krueger said. "(I) hope they do well in the postseason games and no matter what happens — they've had a great season."

There has been a rise in the crowds as the season progressed, athletic director Jim Redd said.

The Bearcat's next game in the MIAA tournament is at 7 p.m. tonight in Bearcat Arena. Redd hopes that all the fans will come out and support the Bearcats against Pittsburg State University.



■ Young, old alike cheer Northwest teams to victories

Lab tests find metal increase in area landfill

Iraq controversy

Hussein backs down, local reserves stay home

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

An increase of heavy metals has been found in the Maryville landfill following two lab tests that came back Monday.

The flaw in the landfill will not cause any harm to the residents of Maryville but it is a problem that must be rectified, City Manager David Angerer said.

The Maryville landfill has been in existence since the early '70s, and Angerer believes fixing the problem would not be the answer.

The problem with the landfill is that there is no liner at the bottom, Angerer said.

The two labs involved in the tests said there is a definite problem with the structure of the landfill. The only solutions to the problem, Angerer said, are to keep a closer eye on the landfill and to keep it in operation until it is necessary to shut it down.

A new landfill was expected before this problem arose, because it is already close to holding its maximum capacity.

The city has called in an engineer to assess the situation.

John Rockhold of Terricon Engineering will help with the investigations. Rockhold will also be present at the City Council meeting in March to answer any questions.

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed Sunday to allow United Nation's weapons inspectors into his presidential palaces to avoid another Gulf War and to end the standoff between the two nations.

The agreement was met by U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan and Hussein. It says that the United Nations will postpone an air attack if Hussein allows weapons inspectors to search for unlawful weapons.

Because Hussein has met the United Nations' part of the deal, the United Nations has agreed to gather diplomats from 20 different countries to go with the inspectors into the palaces. This was Hussein's part of the agreement and his reasoning behind it is that he thinks U.N. inspectors are primarily from the United States and Britain.

War was not out of the question because of the mass of troops already stationed in the Gulf. Over 25,000 troops were ready to accept orders and more reserves have been sent to

support United Nations' actions.

The reserves were first requested by Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Clinton said the United States is planning on leaving its troops in the Gulf to ensure that Hussein keeps his end of the bargain. This action is looked upon as a smart one by a local reserve from Northwest.

"There is no doubt that some of Saddam's actions are improper," weapons specialist Derrick Vidacak said.

"The United States should definitely keep its eye on him."

Local Army members questioned whether they were going to have to join the troops already posted in the Gulf and wondered if the cause was a worthy one.

"He is kind of being like a big bully, because he has a right to protect his military," Vidacak said.

Vidacak said the United Nations might have been jumping into something that they should not have been and that this problem should have

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Regents approve funding for Union

■ University to receive money from bond sales for campus renovations

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

A means of paying for the renovations to the Student Union and six residence halls was approved by the Board of Regents last week.

The University will allocate money for the renovations by selling bonds. The bonds are available at the UMB Bank and local brokers, A.G. Edwards and Edward D. Jones, for a minimum of \$5,000. Northwest will use the revenue from increased tuition similar to a U.S. savings bond.

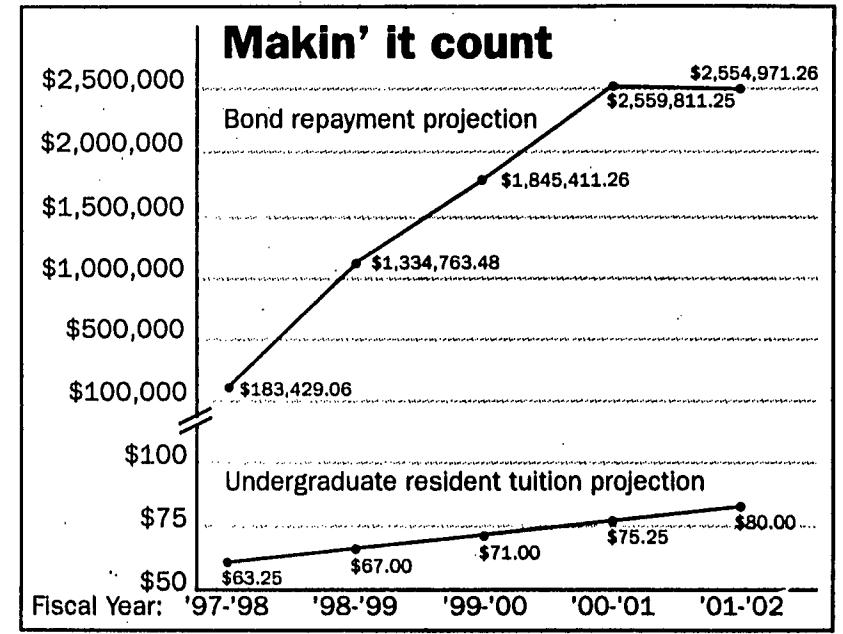
The total amount the University will receive from the bonds is \$22.8 million. Most of them have been sold, and the rest are expected to be sold in the next two weeks, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance.

The bonds are AAA (the highest) ranked by Moody's, an insurance company in New York, and insured by the Municipal Bond insurance association. The bonds are tax exempt.

Courter said the highest rank shows Northwest is a credible institution and will pay the money back.

The bond has a 4.89 percent average interest rate over 20 years. The lower interest rate will give additional revenue for the renovations.

Courter said he expected a 5 percent interest rate that produces \$22.5



million in revenue. However, the difference of the interest rate increased funds for the University.

"What's really very good about this is the low interest rate," Courter said. "This is a little bit lower than we anticipated."

This extra money will be used for more additions such as new furniture in the Union and residence halls, Courter said.

"We won't have so much money coming in (to pay back for tuition)," Courter said. "We are able to have a little bit higher amount of bond

money coming in to support it because the interest rate is just a little bit lower."

Renovations to the Union will start this fall and will be done in two years. The residence hall renovations will be finished in three years.

South Complex (Cook, Richardson and Wilson) renovations will be in the first year, followed by Phillips Hall the next year and Franken Hall the third year. Hudson Hall's minor renovations (new windows and front entry) will be completed over the summer.

My Turn**K-State loses media leader for no reason**

Ever since Sarah Brady spoke to a crowd at Charles Johnson Theater, questions have been raised on campus regarding First Amendment rights.

While discussing it with other students, I have received comments such as "Well you are just one of those journalism people who care about the First Amendment" or "The Northwest Missourian is just trying to stir up trouble."

While each of these comments are ludicrous, the first does offer some truth.

I do care about the First Amendment and students and faculty alike around different campuses are fighting right now, just as Northwest, to ensure those rights to all individuals.

Possibly one of the strongest examples concerns Ron Johnson, the student publications director for Kansas State University. Johnson was relieved of his position with no warning or explanation, violating his First and Fourteenth amendment rights.

I am not going to pretend that I know Johnson well or that any of the work at Kansas State University's student publications department has in any way directly affected me.

His work at KSU has indirectly affected me and the student publication departments at universities all over the nation, because it's the *Collegian* (the daily newspaper at K-State) that has set national standards.

Johnson has become a name and man much respected in the eyes of journalism advisers and students who he helps by critiquing their newspapers at conventions, giving advice over e-mail and encouraging other advisers to be a "counselor, listener, lobbyist, treasurer, cheerleader and trend-watcher."

Johnson has been involved with the College Media Advisers association for years, serving as both vice president and president.

He has worked positions on both the Kansas Scholastic Press Association and the Kansas Student-Press Legislation, which restored First Amendment rights to public high school students in 1992.

He has given so much to the journalism community, that it is so shocking that one thing guaranteed to us, due process and the First Amendment, was taken away from him Feb. 5 during the Kansas State Board of Student Publications meeting.

The day they decided to vacate Johnson's job without explanation or due process was the day that one of the top-ranked journalism departments in the country began its downfall.

It is a sad and scary day for journalists everywhere.

So many questions run through my mind.

I wonder how the board that runs such a strong student publications department agrees to let go one of the best leaders in the country. Good leadership and strong publications go hand-in-hand.

I wonder how student representatives, those elected to support and interpret the views of all students, can go behind closed doors to discuss this issue? It goes directly against what every college student government should support — teamwork and communication for all involved.

I am ashamed for their board members and feel bad for the students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at KSU.

Their feelings of betrayal can be read on numerous outlets such as the *Collegian*'s website to the numerous e-mails sent by present and past editors alike asking for answers.

I hope one of two things happen for KSU. One, I hope the board explains the decision they felt so compelled to vote. And, two, I hope the university realizes the mistake they made, hires Ron back and starts to appreciate its faculty.

One thing I do guarantee is that if KSU doesn't appreciate Ron Johnson, it will not be long until someone else does.

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■ Jackie Tegen



Our View OF THE UNIVERSITY

Athletics attain new heights in MIAA

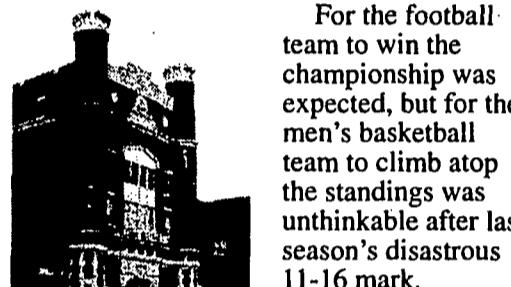
Northwest athletics have reached quite a pinnacle this school year with championship performances.

The latest accomplishment is an MIAA regular season co-championship for the men's basketball squad.

This from a team that was picked to finish sixth in the preseason coaches' poll. A team that ended up winning 21 games and had a 14-game winning streak. This seems like quite a feat for a team picked as the middle of the pack.

What makes winning so special is that it has been done in triplicate during the 1997-98 season at Northwest. The football team and women's cross country team also brought home conference championships.

The last time a Northwest team won both the football and basketball MIAA championships was back in 1939. Back then, winning was nothing new for the 'Cats, because that was the fourth time they had accomplished the feat. The 'Cats captured dual titles in 1925, 1931 and 1938 under legendary coaches by the names of Hank Iba and Ryland Milner, just to name two of them.



For the football team to win the championship was expected, but for the men's basketball team to climb atop the standings was unthinkable after last season's disastrous 11-16 mark.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer seems to have brewed the

ingredients of this year's team into a winner. If one were to look at this team, they would realize they do not have the one bona fide star.

Yes, there's "Shakey" (Harrington) and the hometown boy (Matt Redd), but a different player steps up at every game to meet the challenge. That is what makes a team a champion, and this year's Bearcats are the definition of team and champion.

Even though they ended the season on a rough note with two losses, they still had a share of the title. They have also moved the semifinal round of the conference tournament. The 'Cats will battle the Pittsburg

State University Gorillas at 7 p.m. tonight in Bearcat Arena.

The team will also play in the South Central regional tournament, vying for a spot in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, March 18-21 in Louisville, Ky.

Although, the 'Cats can only go as far as their fans take them. The crowd was tremendous for Saturday's game against our nemesis Missouri Western State College, but Tuesday night the crowd was very lackluster.

Tappmeyer said after Tuesday night's triumph over the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners, that the crowd that was there really did its job. But the team needs much more support if they are going to make a run in the South Central regional.

It's been quite a year for the Bearcats and their fans. Now, all they need is to keep doing what they have been doing all season — what has taken them this far. Then this team will have a chance to go down in the annals as the best Bearcat team in history.

With a little luck, this team will add to Northwest's fantastic athletic year.

Greek leaders provide additional insight

As leaders in the Greek community, we would like to offer an open letter to Gregory Roper, assistant professor of English, and the others whose views of us are based solely on stereotypes and misinformation.

We would like to present food for thought, for your students' next papers.

First, we would like to acknowledge the ratio of fraternity men and sorority women who binge drink is about twice that of those who are unaffiliated with Greek-letter organizations. The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse showed this in a 1991 study.

The Greek community, both nationally and at Northwest, admits this tragedy and is actively addressing it.

Roper, this is about the extent of our agreement with your editorial. And we would like to stress editorial — as in opinion — because the sweeping generalizations merely served to intensify a stereotypical misunderstanding of the Greek community.

It is unfortunate that you assign your students to "defend or attack the fraternity system" and then ask them to "come up with reasons and evidence for their positions," yet, you fail to support your own position with fact.

Please, let us educate you about the four components of "Select 2000." This initiative of the National Interfraternity Council is based on the following:

• Supporting the academic mission of

host institutions.

- Developing value-centered leaders.
- Offering undergraduates an opportunity for personal development.
- Offering involvement in and allegiance to the host institution.

To explain the alcohol proposal portion of "Select 2000" simply, it is similar to Roberta Hall's alcohol policy. There wouldn't be any alcohol allowed in the houses, but a fraternity would still be allowed to rent out an establishment with a third-party vendor providing alcohol. Parties with alcohol would still exist, just not on fraternity property. This diminishes the risk of date rape and other violent crimes through the reduction of alcohol, when such problems occur.

Roper, you challenge us to "sign" "Select 2000" and "encore it ruthlessly." It is obvious that the Greek community is already embracing "Select 2000" and its principles. It is endorsed by 32 national fraternities, including nine of the 10 represented at Northwest and two fraternities have fully adopted it.

In an effort to make a difference, members of the 10 fraternities and five sororities organized 17,743 hours of community service and collected \$18,500 worth of philanthropic donations during the 1996-97 year.

More than 800 Greeks and non-Greeks come out each year to support Sigma Sigma Sigma S.O.S. Walk to raise awareness for sexual predator acts.

Eighty-eight percent of student body officers in the past four years have been members of Greek organizations and more than half of the current presidents of student organizations on campus are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

Programs like Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man program and Delta Sigma Phi's Edge program provide a basis for members to build upon the strengths of their brothers to develop personally in such areas as physical, spiritual and social well-being.

All of this is in addition to the Greeks' unquantifiable contributions to the Northwest community during Homecoming and throughout the year.

The sororities and fraternities do make significant contributions to the environment in which we live. We do develop leaders. We do provide our brothers and sisters with tremendous opportunity for personal development, and there are Northwest faculty who appreciate this. Open your mind Roper and see that the Greek experience is one of the many positive experiences Northwest has to offer.

We realize there are problems, but the only way to fix them is to address them and create solutions. Not to become the hub for anti-Greek relations and false information.

Jennifer Simler is the president of Panhellenic Council and Kelly Ferguson is the president of Interfraternity Council.



■ Jennifer Simler



■ Kelly Ferguson

Your opinion doesn't count...

...unless you express it in a letter to the editor.

Please tell your editor to give more weight to your comments. If you have a story idea, please let us know.

Remember, your opinion does count.

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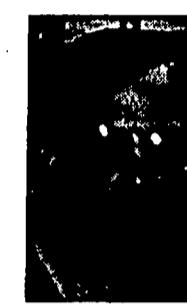
It's Your Turn

What has been the most impressive about this year's Northwest athletics?



"All of the teams have done well this year. They took their accomplishments in the past and built on it. If there was a bad week, they improved in the next week."

Jenny Tinsley, child and family studies major



"How the whole program is entering into the next level with all the championships."

Jon Gustafson, assistant football coach



"The success of the cross country team has been the most impressive."

Miguel Rivera, finance major



"It is the one thing that brings everyone on campus together."

Jealaine Vaccaro, English major



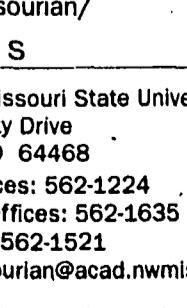
"The success of the football team along with the basketball and track. They are all great."

Karen Barmann, public relations major



"Even though we are a small school, the level of talent is superior."

Jenna Rhodes, wildlife, ecology and conservation major



"They've all played as a team."

Jerry Lutz, Northwest Missouri Cellular community relations manager

Career Day helps open doors

■ Over 80 businesses from four-state area seek employees, interns

by Steven Melling

Missourian Staff

Northwest students took advantage of the opportunity to meet with over 80 companies at the spring Career Day Tuesday.

Career Services' goal was to have something for all fields, graduate assistant Amy West said.

Many students attended to gain a perspective on what they need to do to prepare for the job market.

"I think I need to start figuring out where my opportunities lie," said Troy Lehan, psychology/sociology major. "I need to find out what I am qualified for, (and) what I am not qualified for."

Companies participating in Career Day were primarily from the four-state area.

Jim Kolarik, a representative of Western Air Maps, Inc., of Overland Park, Kan., said the location of the University, as well as the reputation of the geography department, were the main reasons they came to Career Day.

"The (geography) program here is one of the better ones and it's fairly close. I think it works well with both parties," Kolarik said. "We've got individuals who would like to stay close to home, and Northwest Missouri State isn't too far from Kansas City."

Kolarik said his company currently employs six Northwest graduates among their total of 45 employees.

However, some students ex-



Adriana Albers/Staff Photographer

Dan Ferguson, left, talks with George Kastler, chief parks naturalist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Tuesday during Career Day. Over 80

companies were in attendance for Career Day to give Northwest students an idea of what jobs are open to them in their field.

pressed concern as to the lack of diversity in majors represented.

Geography major Jami Janeckzo said there needed to be more businesses offering geography-based jobs.

"It would be OK if there were more things for geography here, but the University doesn't do it, and

we're one of the biggest departments here on campus," Janeckzo said. "There's only the (Missouri) Department of Natural Resources and Garmin and Western Air Maps here."

Other companies at Career Day that have hired Northwest students were Archer Daniels Midland Com-

pany and Mutual of Omaha.

Northwest Alumnus Bruce Barstow works for Mutual of Omaha and believes Northwest students are a great asset to his company.

"The computer science department here and the M.I.S. program are very solid and we get good recruits out of here that stay with us," Barstow said.

Board of Regents announce interim dean for semester

by Stephanie Zellstra

Assistant News Editor

The College of Professional and Applied Studies will see a new face as the interim dean of the college next fall.

Arley Larson, chairman of the agriculture department, will be temporarily filling the position for Ron DeYoung who will serve on the Missouri in London program.

Northwest has an agreement with Truman State University and Southwest Missouri State University to provide a faculty member each fall semester for the Missouri in London business internship program.

The agreement began three years ago, and this semester it is Northwest's turn to provide a faculty member.

DeYoung's duties while in London will include coordinating the internship program with the different companies, assigning evaluations of the interns and teaching international management.

"I am very excited about the program," DeYoung said. "Anytime we can broaden our horizons, we need to take advantage of it. We need to be able to understand people in the type of world we have today."

DeYoung's wife will be accompanying him on the trip and their two daughters hope to take vacation time so they will all be able to meet up with them in Europe.

While DeYoung has been making plans, there has also been plan-



■ Ron DeYoung

he would fill the position.

Larson found it was a great opportunity to expand himself professionally and took the position.

"I was real honored that I was even approached about the position," Larson said. "I am viewing this as professional internship. It will help me gain an understanding of the position. I am potentially interested in the position."

DeYoung also believes it is a good opportunity for Larson to gain some credit for himself.

Another aspect that Larson likes about the position is that it has a definite end. He also hopes to gain experience.

Some of the duties he will assume will be the fiscal elements of the college, being a representative to the administration and the day-to-day operations of the college.

There will be a transition period where Larson can learn more details about the position before DeYoung leaves for London.

Faculty members present innovative way of learning

■ Coordinating Board receives presentations about Modular Learning

by Mark Hornickel

Chief Reporter

A group of Northwest faculty travelled to Jefferson City to demonstrate a new way of learning.

Eight faculty members, representing four different courses, presented the new Modular Learning Program to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education last week.

"It was extremely well received," said Beth Wheeler, vice president of community relations. "The commissioner, who is a very busy person, spent almost the entire two hours with us. It was a very well-prepared demonstration."

It was a very positive experience for the faculty and the Board, said Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences.

"It was a nice, broad array of classes," Barnes said. "The Board began to understand what modular learning is all about, and they can see how are networked campus and the WorldWide Web can be integrated to enhance the learning process."

The faculty members presented four different types of Modular Learning Programs.

Each one lasted about 10 minutes to give the Coordinating Board a taste of the program. They then opened the floor to any questions.

The four courses that were presented in Jefferson City were computer science, music appreciation, writing for media professionals and laboratory science.

"They are all really different in their approach," Barnes said. "They're doing whatever is best for the students. That's the key. If it doesn't enhance learning, then why do we do it? We want to focus on the students."

The faculty members also went to the Capitol building to demonstrate modular learning to senators and state representatives.

"I think it really enhanced the visibility and the stature that Northwest has in Jefferson City," Wheeler said.

The modular learning program is a component of Northwest's Mission Enhancement initiative that the University took to the state legislature last year.

The proposal was to try to enhance and extend the Electronic Campus to enrich and facilitate learning, using information technol-

ogy on and off campus. It was approved and received funding.

In all, 21 faculty members were selected to work on 12 modular projects.

They consist of eight general education courses, three lower division courses and one upper division course.

Now, the University needs to develop the curriculum in more depth, Wheeler said.

"As others on campus want to use technology in the classroom to help

students learn, we'll be teaching them how to do it, how to get into it and how to make sure they're affecting students on all levels of knowledge, understanding and comprehension," Wheeler said.

"It's a small nucleus and it's going to start branching out as faculty members choose to apply it."

Faculty members not involved in the Modular Learning Program will be asked to be a part of the project, which is volunteer based.

Some of the faculty showed a portion of their presentations at the general faculty meeting at the beginning

of the semester.

"That was another way to increase awareness on campus," Wheeler said. "It heightened some interest in people who want to do better. It's such a broad scope that it really was inspiring and the group received it enthusiastically because it wasn't just two people who put their heads together and are turning out cookie cutters. It really spawns creative thinking."

The Modular Learning Program was designed to help students learn at their own pace.

Students that are familiar with certain concepts will not have to sit through a certain portion of a lecture.

Students will be able to work at their own pace on concepts they are unfamiliar with online computer applications.

Accounting majors offer income tax assistance

by Kevin Schultz

Chief Reporter

Each year, April 15 is "D-Day" for most Americans and especially those who do not know how to do their taxes.

The Northwest accounting department has implemented the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

The program is designed to help students and any Maryville resident making under \$40,000 a year file their taxes.

Volunteer members from the accounting department and students majoring in the field will help others learn to do or file taxes in an efficient way.

The service will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. until April 14 in the Union.

"The basic idea is to take the stress off of students and some residents, and it also helps us understand it a little more," volunteer Cathy Pope said.

The experience should benefit the volunteers as well as students and residents.

lege students in 1986.

Saturday was the first day Northwest's TRIO programs recognized their graduates. However, the ceremony kicked off National TRIO Week.

Four TRIO graduates, Brad Sullivan, Debby Thomas-Steinman, Peter Heidelberger and Michelle Kellar, were honored for the success they have achieved and what they have contributed to the programs.

Each of those honored graduated from universities. They have also helped recruit new members.

Kellar said she was unaware of the celebration and sees the ceremony as a honor.

"It was a complete and total surprise to me," Kellar said. "I had no prior knowledge that I was going to

receive the award. It was certainly a honor."

Kellar joined Student Support Services when she was a Northwest undergraduate.

However, while working on her master's degree at Northwest in 1995, she was hired as a counselor for Upward Bound and has enjoyed it ever since.

"I just enjoy working with students," Kellar said. "I guess I kind of (want to) help the students as I was helped by students before. I just wanted to give back to students some way."

Recognizing "TRIO Achievers" is just a result of the program's development. It has supported students from financially lower income families that have no college graduates.

"Our goal is just to continue to serve our students the best we can to promote educational opportunities for them," said Kenna Johnson, Upward Bound program director and Student Support Services Learning Services coordinator.

Johnson said the key is to give her students courage to move on to higher education.

"A lot of times, people don't think they can (go on to college) because they don't know what resources are available to them (and) what opportunities they can utilize to achieve those goals," Johnson said. "That's our job to help promote those and make them aware if they have the desires and potentials, we can give them tools to utilize in order to get to the college graduation day."

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Volunteers drive patients to recovery

by **Angela Patton**

Missourian Staff

The journey down the road to recovery for cancer patients is less bumpy thanks to a group of Maryville residents.

The "Road to Recovery" program provides area cancer patients with free transportation to St. Joseph for doctor visits, chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

The American Cancer Society in partnership with the Heartland Health Foundation saw a need for this service and began the program in March of 1993. St. Joseph's program is one of many throughout the nation.

"It's really a godsend for cancer patients," said Clara Person, who used the program when her husband was unable to go with her.

Cancer survivor Joan Carver served as the Maryville "Road to Recovery" coordinator from its beginning until late last year, then

“It has definitely filled a need in the community.”

■ **Della Rhoades,**
"Road to Recovery" contact at St. Francis Hospital

handed the position to Norma Clark. Clark receives calls from the oncology department at Heartland or St. Francis hospitals and then contacts her drivers.

There are approximately 35 Maryville drivers, who are mainly retired individuals serving three of 16 participating counties.

Clark said the Maryville drivers are very committed to the program, and she finds it easy to schedule trips.

"I often hear 'you haven't called for awhile' when I see one of my drivers," Clark said.

Area drivers made 191 trips to St.

Joseph last year. This brought the total number of miles covered to approximately 135,000 since the start of the St. Joseph program.

"It has definitely filled a need in the community," said Della Rhoades, "Road to Recovery" contact at St. Francis Hospital.

Volunteers have insurance protection from the American Red Cross Association and can choose to drive with a partner.

Erman and Bev Bird have been drivers for five years. They are a retired, married couple who both lost their previous spouses to cancer. The

Birds volunteer because they believe it is a valuable program.

"It's one of the nicest things we could do to help people," Bev said.

"There's a definite need for this," Erman added.

Volunteers pick up the patients at their homes or meet them. They travel to the Heartland Cancer Treatment Center in St. Joseph.

Close relationships soon form between the drivers and patients.

"They feel just like family," Bev said.

Drivers can be compensated for mileage, although, most volunteers do not accept the offer.

Training is scheduled annually in St. Joseph and drivers renew their certification every other year.

The next session will be in the spring.

For more information, contact Norma Clark at 582-5305 or the American Cancer Society at 816-233-2558.

Flowers for sale

Society raises funds, hope

by **M.J. Vinson**

Missourian Staff

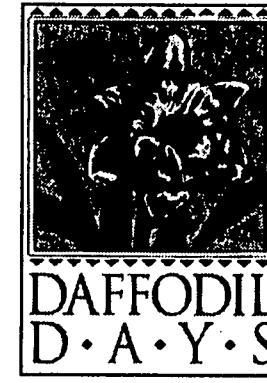
will be able to continue our progress toward educating individuals and serving cancer patients throughout the area," said Chris Pavalis, Daffodil Days co-chairwoman.

The society has set a goal to sell 5,000 daffodils, surpassing last year's sales by 1,000.

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For more information or to place an order contact Pavalis at 562-5688 or Michael Vinson at 582-5621.



Area residents winning fights for their lives against cancer

■ **Skidmore fifth-grader** misses friends, school because of leukemia

by **Lindsey Corey**

Community News Editor

Eleven-year-old Steven Cureton is a typical fifth-grader. He has six Sony Playstation games, just advanced to Boy Scout status and dreams of going to Disney World.

The only difference — he shreds the snow in "Cool Boarders II" and fights his way to the top of "The Lost World, Jurassic Park" while his friends are in class at Maitland Middle School. His mom, Diane, went to the annual scouting banquet in his place and Disney World may have to wait until he feels better.

Steven advanced to the next level in his battle with leukemia, but he knows this is not a game.

Last November, Steven was becoming so pale and had a reoccurring fever, that his mother thought it was time to see a doctor.

Their doctor sent them straight to the hospital where a bone marrow test revealed Steven had acute lymphatic leukemia.

"It was scary, but I'm glad we didn't wait any longer," Diane said.

Steven faced his first chemotherapy treatment the following day. Before the treatment, 50 percent of Steven's cells were cancerous. The chemotherapy decreased the cancerous cells to 2 percent and the next week, there were none. Steven was in remission, but the battle had just begun.

Treatment consisted of chemotherapy three times a week, twice in St. Joseph and once in Kansas City, for the first month. The second month consisted of weekly chemotherapy through the spine.

Even though he has been lucky enough to only be hospitalized for treatment, Steven has come to know the doctors and nurses well.

"One day, I was complaining that

Nurse Jennifer kept coming in and taking blood and putting blood back in like a vampire," Steven said. "The next time she came in with vampire teeth."

Armed with a chemistry set, Steven now talks about being a doctor to himself one day.

"When I grow up, I either want to be a doctor or work at a zoo with animals," he said.

Steven is well on his way. Even though he has missed at least a month of school since the diagnosis, his grades are still as high as when he had perfect attendance.

"As soon as his (white cell and



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Steven Cureton holds up his medal for bravery. His mother, Diane, accepted the pin on his behalf at the Boy Scouts Pack 68 annual banquet. Steven was recognized for his courage after being diagnosed with leukemia in November. He was also promoted from Weebie to Boy Scout status.

hemoglobin) counts go up, I'm kicking him out, cute face and all," Diane said.

His mother picks up his homework two times a week when Steven has to miss school because of treatments or fatigue.

"I miss seeing my friends the most," he said.

Steven will continue a treatment program for three to three and a half years before he can be considered cured. The next two months will be interim maintenance. Steven's treatment will consist of oral medication and spinal chemotherapy once a month.

After the two month period, regular chemotherapy will start again. If all goes well, Steven will be on the

maintenance schedule for the next few years.

Community members, classmates and even complete strangers have helped pave Steven's road to recovery.

His rural Skidmore home is filled with cards, some are even from fifth-graders at Washington Middle School in Maryville.

Steven's classmates and volunteers sponsored a soup supper last month to help defray medical costs. The event raised over \$2,000.

"People around here have been marvelous," Diane said. "It's wonderful."

In addition to the soup supper, a fund has been set up for Steven at First Bank CBC in Maryville.

■ **Maryville woman** battles illness, stays positive despite negative odds

by **Christy Chesnut**

Contributing Writer

For Marcia Nelsen, cancer is not a dreaded word, a destroyer of life or an impossible obstacle. It is merely a challenge that inspires her to be strong, trust in God and help others along the way.

"I don't live with cancer — I'm living through cancer to the other side," Nelsen said.

Nelsen, who has lived in Nodaway County her entire life, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989 after she found a lump in her left breast. The first doctor she saw told her she was too young, at age 38, to have the disease.

After waiting six months, she finally decided to seek another physician's opinion because the lump began to sting. The second doctor immediately set Nelsen up with a surgeon for a mastectomy and later an oncologist for chemotherapy.

"When I was first diagnosed, my doctor said to use my faith," Nelsen said. "From that point on, I chose to turn to God and seek his healing powers. And that has made all the difference in my attitude, hope and outlook."

During her seven long months of chemotherapy, Nelsen, a wife and mother of two, went through hard times. She had always been a believer and active in her church, but her faith increased when this occurred and prayer became a very important practice in her life.

"I knew I was going to beat it," Nelsen said. "There was a goal to get to — only seven treatments. They were pretty rough, especially the loss of my hair. I didn't look at myself, because it was depressing. It's a chunk out of your life, but because of my faith, it was tolerable."

Nelsen celebrated when she hit her five-year mark of being cancer-free and was relieved that the doctors were certain the cancer was gone from her body.

"I enjoyed each and every day and lived life to the max, knowing what I'd gone through and thanking God every day," Nelsen said.

Nelsen's recent cure made it possible for her to reach out to others who were going through similar difficulties. She joined the local American Cancer Society, where she was secretary for two years, and helped start a breast cancer support group. Nelsen also trained for "Reach to Recovery", a small group of women that speak to others diagnosed with breast cancer.

However, Nelsen was never able to participate in "Reach to Recovery" because in 1995, after seven years

“I was shocked, but I wasn't devastated. I'm a fighter, and even though the doctors said there isn't a cure, I believe in miracles.”

■ **Marcia Nelsen,** cancer patient



■ **Marcia Nelsen**

of remission, she was shocked by the news of a recurrence. In the fall of 1995, Nelsen began feeling lower back pain. A bone scan later revealed the cancer spread to her bones.

"I was shocked, but I wasn't devastated," Nelsen said. "I'm a fighter, and even though the doctors said there isn't a cure, I believe in miracles."

Soon after receiving the disturbing news, Nelsen once again began focusing her energies on things other than worrying about the cancer. She immediately started to draft inspirational writings to encourage those who were praying for her. In addition, she began delivering speeches for local churches and organizations.

Nelsen's writings soon became inspirations for others as she began passing and mailing them to friends, relatives and other cancer patients. She hopes through her 60 passages to give encouragement to others.

"I have no idea how many lives I've touched, but I hear that it is happening and that makes me feel satisfied," Nelsen said. "God has been my inspiration, and I give him all the credit for my writings."

Nelsen truly believes that God is using her as a messenger to help others in similar situations who may not know where to turn.

"I am a witness for God," she said. "I want others to know what has helped me through my trials. This is a testimony, and I wouldn't have testimony without a test."

As an eternal optimist, Nelsen said it is important for her to be around other positive people during this time in her life. She believes she is fortunate that her husband, Bob, is very optimistic, and she is thankful for everyone who supports her.

"My friends and family have been caring, compassionate and supportive," Nelsen said. "I owe a great deal of my strength to their prayers. I find that blessings continually flow in my life through cards, telephone calls and other acts of kindness."

While Nelsen knows she is facing a serious illness, she does not see it as an end by any means. She sees herself as a healthy woman in the future, although she does not live for the future or dwell in the past.

"This is a challenge, but I am meeting that challenge with the help of God, and I am a winner anyway you look at it," she said. "I'm either healed or I go to heaven."

St. Joseph cancer center plans move to new facility

The Heartland Cancer Treatment Center in St. Joseph will soon move into a new facility located on the east campus of Heartland Hospital.

The new, larger center is scheduled to open by May 16.

Half of the new facility will be devoted to radiation treatment and the other area to chemotherapy.

Hopkins community seeks blood donations in March

The Hopkins Community Blood Drive will be Thursday, March 19 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkins Community Center.

Blood donations will be accepted from those over 17 years old who weigh at least 110 pounds.

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Public Safety

February 18

■ Jennifer A. Chambers, Rea, was stopped at a stop sign on South Walnut Street. She then proceeded into the intersection and struck Kelly K. Coffee, Platteville, Neb., who was traveling east on Fourth Street. At impact, both vehicles travelled south and then split apart. Coffee's vehicle slid south and struck Scott M. Rutherford, Grain Valley, who was stopped at a stop sign on North Walnut Street. Chambers went over the curb and went through grass and a sidewalk before coming to rest. Chambers received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Holly R. Wilmes, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on North Main Street and was struck in the rear by Jeremiah R. Parkhurst, Maitland. Parkhurst was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Kevin G. Gray, Clarinda, Iowa and Jilisa J. McIntyre, Maryville, were stopped in traffic when Nicholas E. Townsend, Maryville, struck Gray's vehicle which in turn caused him to hit McIntyre's vehicle. Townsend was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 19

■ A Maryville male reported that he observed three subjects breaking into his vehicle while parked in the 700 block of North Mulberry Street. The suspects left the area and an investigation revealed four vehicles had been broken into.

■ While at a local business assisting liquor control, an officer was advised of a male subject who had attempted to buy alcohol with a fake ID. Contact was made and the subject gave his name and date of birth. When the officer advised that he was under arrest, the subject took off running. The officer was able to catch the subject and identify him as Daniel A. Wiemer, 18, Maryville. During the arrest process, it was discovered he had attempted to take a bottle of alcohol without paying for it. He was issued a summons for misrepresentation of age to obtain intoxicants, resisting arrest by fleeing, providing false information to an officer, larceny and minor in possession. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 1100 block of North Walnut Street, the small driver's side window was

broken. She did not find anything missing.

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 600 block of East Third Street.

■ An officer assisting liquor control issued summons to the following: Amy N. Holaves, 18, Maryville; James W. Kennedy, 18, Maryville; Brandi R. Hughes, 18, St. Joseph; and Eric C. Testerman, 18, Platte City.

February 20

■ Nathaniel S. Ruden, 21, Parkville, was arrested in Riverside on a warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to Maryville where he is being held.

February 21

■ An officer took a report that a glass door of a building in the 200 block of West Second Street had been broken by a beer bottle. No entry had been gained.

■ Officers issued a summons to Linda L. Scott, 43, Maryville, for permitting a peace disturbance after receiving complaints of loud music in the 400 block of West 12th Street.

■ A 1986 Nissan was towed from the 1200 block of East Halsey Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Shauna G. Wattman, Maryville, backed from a parking space and struck Rosemary R. Stiens, Conception Junction, and then left the scene. Wattman was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

February 22

■ Officers responded to the 800 block of East Fourth Street on a complaint of loud music. Contact was made with the Jeremy L. Zeigel, 27, Maryville, who was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

■ Rene L. Najera, Maryville, turned in front of Melissa A. Robnett, Maryville, at an intersection on East Third Street. Najera received a citation for failure to yield.

■ Michelle D. Couchman, Maryville, had her vehicle struck while it was parked by a hit and run driver on the 200 block of South Laura Street.

■ Dewayne W. Browning, Cassville, had his vehicle struck by a hit and run driver in the Northridge Apartment parking lot.

New Arrivals

Madison Mae Cabbage

Steve and Renay Cabbage, New Market, Iowa, are the parents of Madison Mae, born Feb. 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and joins two brothers.

Grandparents are Fred and Sandy Lamer, Maryville; George and Ellen Dumont, Seconk, Mass.; Ladonna Cabbage, New Market, Iowa, and Thaine Cabbage, Clarinda, Iowa.

Ambrows Moreland III

Ambrows and Brandi Moreland, Maryville, are the parents of Ambrows III, born Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are James and Joan Mathews, and Ambrows Sr. and Eudora Moreland, all of Lufkin, Texas.

Jacob Anthony Partridge

Jeff and Jennifer Partridge,

Maryville, are the parents of Jacob Anthony, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Richard and Marguerite Conley; and Jack and Jo Ann Partridge, all of Maryville.

Abigail Nicole Van de Ven

Kevin and Kathy Van de Ven, are the parents of Abigail Nicole, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins two sisters.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Seier; Mr. and Mrs. David Erbacher; and Mr. and Mrs. McElvin Van de Ven, all of Cape Girardeau.

P.J. Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter, Maryville, are the parents of P.J., born Feb. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins one sister.

Grandparents are Gerald Dean

Porter, Maryville; and Mary Ann McGary, Clyde.

Kirk Blaine Murphy

Rodney Murphy and Carrie Tegarden, Tarkio, are the parents of Kirk Blaine, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Jack and Dawn Miller, Maryville; and Michael R. and Mildred Murphy, Barnard.

Christopher Allen Roush

Lenny and Kimberly Roush, Worth, are the parents of Christopher Allen, born Feb. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Connie and Mike Holcomb, Albany; and Leonard and Esther Roush, Worth.

Dreven Seth Wayne Kern

Clinton Kern and Faith Sanders, Bethany, are the parents of Dreven

Seth Wayne, born Feb. 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Paula Sanders, Patrick Woodford; and Sherrie Kern, all of Bethany.

Trevor Allen Cain

Brian and Amy Cain, Maryville, are the parents of Trevor Allen, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Grandparents are LeAnn Horroun, Maryville; Richard Stringer, Hopkins; and Allen and Mary Cain, Oregon.

Koby Charles Reynolds

Leila R. Bratton and Brandon J. Reynolds, Maryville, are the parents of Koby Charles, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Joseph C. Reynolds, Maryville; Denise D. Reynolds, Overland Park, Kan.; and Carolyn Bratton, Porterville, Calif.

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IRAQ

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been solved back in 1991.

"I think (Hussein) made the past agreement for the same reason, because he knows he is overpowered, and he wanted to get out of trouble," Vidacak said.

Protests attributing to the war grew over the weekend Clinton's threat to bomb Iraq unless Hussein agreed to open his palace. Observers said that bombing Iraq would only increase the tension between the United Nations and Iraq.

Vidacak questioned that the United States also has weapons of this nature, and if we can have them, Hussein's military should be able to as well.

"America is nothing but a hypo-

rite, because we have the same kind of weapons," Vidacak said. "They may not be biological, but we definitely have chemical and nuclear ones."

Many in the Kuwait region said the United States is more or less trigger happy right now. They believe there is no reason to fight over an argument of this insignificant.

Iraq did not let weapons inspectors into the country last October and after continuous attempts to enter the palace, they were told to leave.

War in 1991 was appreciated more by the United States and Kuwait because of the unavoidable nature of the situation, but now with new circumstances, the Clinton Administration is being questioned.

One local member of the Army, willing to fight for his country if the occasion were to arise, is relieved by

the terms of the agreement and thinks it is a better way to go about it, considering the options.

"If we go to war, we will not have the support that we had the first time," Reserve Mark Blain from Maryville said. "Plus, we did not finish the job the first time."

Hussein is looked upon as a nuisance who does not conform to United Nations standards. If he does not behave, local members of the Army are not about to let him or his military threaten the lives of innocent people across the world.

"I think that (Hussein) is holding back, and if the country goes to war, I think he will pull out all of the stops," Blain said.

Blain went on to say that if Hussein keeps taunting the United Nations and continues toying with them, war may become necessary.

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On the Sideline

Martin ruling bad for golf, unfair to others

If you read last week's sports column you were probably wondering who the heartless, uncouth colleague was who said Casey Martin should play in the Special Olympics.

Well he is I, and I am him. I will not lower myself to potshots in this column.

What I said sounded like a joke or a cheap shot at Martin, but I was serious. I really do not know if the Special Olympics offers golf as an event, but I do know it is for people who have dreams they cannot live up to because of a mental or physical handicap.

I understand the Special Olympics. My mother is a big supporter and when I was younger I attended many events.

The problem I face is Martin's court ruling was very unjust, changing the entire sport for one man. Other sports do not do this.

Do not get me wrong, I feel for Martin. I'm sorry that his condition hinders his walking and it's not his fault, I'm sure he would love to walk the course without any pain, but he can't. That is what professional sports are about. Very few people grow up to become professional athletes, because many are not blessed with the right tools. This is how I see Martin, like a guy who was not big enough or strong enough to make it.

Martin is not the only professional athlete who has to deal with a handicap. Jim Abbott, the journeyman major league pitcher who pitches every game with only one fully developed hand. He has developed a way around his handicap, by practicing a technique to throw and catch using the same hand.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, guard for the Sacramento Kings suffers from Tourette's syndrome which makes his muscles involuntarily flinch and twitch. He not only overcame his illness to play a sport much more physically demanding than golf, but he is a starter.

These players have worked through their handicaps, in more physical sports. They do not ask for special treatment or rules — they just play to the best of their ability.

The point — sports are about competition on a level playing field and overcoming odds. It's a fact of life, many people do not have what it takes to be a professional athlete. My colleague said "If Martin could have traded his weak, diseased leg for a normal, healthy one, I'm sure he would have done it long ago."

Well, if I could trade my weak, short body for a 6-foot-8-inch strong frame, I would have too.

The lesson Martin needs to learn that we all do not have the right makeup to be a professional athlete, but some people still achieve their dream through hard work and dedication — not the legal system.

JP Farris is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

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'Cats roll over Rolla, Gorillas set to invade

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats play Pittsburg State University tonight in the semifinals of the MIAA conference tournament at Bearcat Arena after ending the University of Missouri-Rolla's season with a 79-67 first round win.

Pitt State defeated Central Missouri State University, 85-67, Tuesday, to advance to play Northwest.

In their only meeting this season, the 'Cats beat the Gorillas 76-70, Feb. 11 at Bearcat Arena. Missouri Western State College and Washburn University will meet in the other semifinal. The winners will meet in Saturday's title game.

After splitting their first two meetings against the Miners, Northwest used a 45-28 second half spurt to end the 'Cats' two-game losing streak.

"We got fired up at halftime," senior forward Brian Burleson said. "It was a do or die situation and we had to take it upon ourselves to pick it up. They beat us before — our first loss in conference (Jan. 5, 69-66). We

knew they were coming in kind of hungry."

Unfortunately, the first half was not as promising.

Turnovers plagued the 'Cats' first half and it did not satisfy head coach Steve Tappmeyer.

"We were a step slow all night," Tappmeyer said. "I felt like it was a carryover from (the 75-65 loss to Western) Saturday. It was a frustrating ballgame. I thought we really needed to play sharp and flush the bad feeling of not playing well Saturday out of our system."

Northwest was led by a balanced attack paced by Burleson's 15 points, junior LeVant Williams' 14 points and sophomore Phil Simpson's 12 points. Senior Shakey Harrington dazzled with a double-double featuring 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Although, the real surprise was junior center Leonard Fields. Fields, who averages 6.9 minutes per conference game, had seven points and six rebounds. In the 13-straight second half minutes that Fields played, he sparked the 'Cats to a 31-15 run.

"In the second half, Leonard Fields really gave us a lift," Tappmeyer said. "He's a player that hasn't played a lot of minutes, but he gave us some energy and we may need to look deeper onto our bench for a couple more (players)."

The 'Cats had to settle for a tie for the conference championship with Western after losing to them.

The 'Cats were tired after facing the toughest part of their season coming in the second half of the conference season, Tappmeyer said.

"We're on a streak of awfully tough ball games, (Missouri) Southern (State College) down there, Pittsburg, (and) Central (Missouri State University) down there, Washburn on the road and then coming in here Saturday," he said.

The Bearcats' play was indicative of their fatigue and lack of concentration, Tappmeyer said.

"They came out and had great intensity, and it seemed we were a step behind," Tappmeyer said. "They beat us on dribble penetration and freed up some shooters."



Darren Papek/Photography Director
Senior forward Brian Burleson drives to the hoop in the 'Cats' 75-65 loss to Missouri Western State College Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

SBU knocks women out of MIAA

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

It was a do or die situation when the women's basketball team took the floor Monday night against Southwest Baptist. With the final whistle came the end of the game and what could be the end of the 'Cats' season.

Northwest was eliminated from the MIAA postseason tournament but still has a chance to receive an at-large bid for the NCAA Division II Tournament. The 'Cats will find out if they will go on at 6:30 p.m. Sunday when the selection committee releases the tournament field.

A 92-75 loss could be the final page in a long year where the Bearcats overcame injuries and diversity to put together a season of highs and lows.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the lowest part came at the end of the year when they dropped their final four contests and fell to an 18-9 overall record.

"This was a great women's basketball game," head coach Wayne Winstead said. "It was very intense and there was a lot of banging under the boards. But once again, I think the difference for us was that we just ran out of gas."

The lack of bench play on Northwest's sideline seemed to be the one obstacle the women could not overcome. In the game against Southwest Baptist, the bench was outscored 30-5. Injuries and a player quitting put restrictions on Winstead's substituting options. This also made his starters work extremely hard.

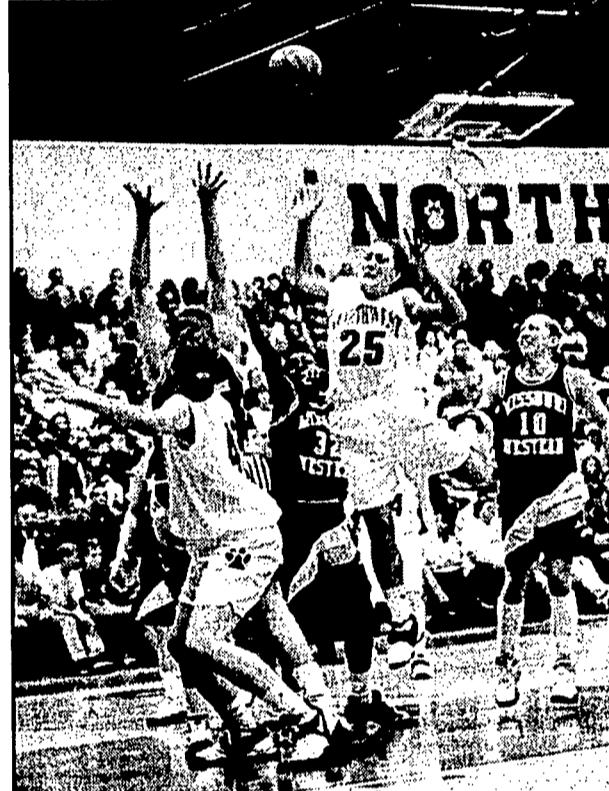
The season was not without its milestone achievements. Senior guard Pam Cummings broke every assist record at Northwest and owns every MIAA assist record as well. Also senior forward Annie Coy moved into ninth in the conference in scoring.

"These girls are a very special group, especially the seniors," Winstead said. "They played hard no matter what and this whole group did very well."

Now, the Bearcats can only sit and wait and hope for

"During my career here at Northwest, I have never coached a group who was on top of the game for the full 40 minutes like these girls."

■ Wayne Winstead
women's head coach



Darren Papek/Photography Director
Senior guard Pam Cummings (No. 25) goes up for a rebound while teammate Denise Sump looks on.

a bid to come from the NCAA.

"Regardless of what happens, we had a great season," Winstead said. "People who aren't as close to this team as I am can't see what goes on inside. During my career here at Northwest, I have never coached a group who was on top of the game for the full 40 minutes like these girls. They are special."

As for next year, Winstead is very optimistic. He said the team already has several verbal commitments to sign and is very close to getting three others.

"With the people we have returning we should be fine," Winstead said. "Also, we have a lot of talent that we are expecting to come in. We should be able to replace most of what we lose but the point guard position will be very critical. And we are excited about the possibilities."

Track athletes vie for conference title

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The men's and women's indoor track teams broke records, met goals and finished high as they competed at the NIAC Championships last weekend.

Junior Brandy Haan, who broke the school record in the 55-meter dash for the second week in a row, placed first in that event and second in the 200-meter dash, led the women's team along with senior Julie Humphreys.

Humphreys finished first in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

Junior Amber Martin also had a record-breaking weekend, knocking down Renata Eustice's 1995 record in the 1,000-meter run, while placing second in the event.

The women placed in 14 of the 18 events they entered against mostly NAIA competition.

The team is preparing for the

MIAA championship, Sunday and Monday in Warrensburg. The women were picked to finish first in the MIAA Coaches Indoor Pre-Meet poll, followed by Emporia State.

The men's team had a successful weekend at the NIAC championships bringing home personal bests in nearly every event and two provisional qualifications in the high jump.

Senior Chad Sutton, junior Jason Yoo and freshman Frank Taylor led the 'Cats at the meet. Sutton and Taylor placed second and third in the high jump respectively.

Both provisionally qualified for nationals in the event, and Yoo finished second in the 600-yard run.

The men's performance at the meet helped to prepare them for the upcoming MIAA conference meet where goals are high.

The men were ranked fifth in the pre-meet poll.

Athletic Shorts

Baseball season begins in Texas

The baseball team played its first regular season games last weekend at Abilene Christian University in Texas. The men faced off in doubleheaders both Friday and Saturday, losing three of the games, 7-1, 8-0, 9-2. The second game on Saturday was rained out.

Rain also stopped the 'Cats from playing as they travelled to take on Tarleton State College in Stephenville, Texas, in another doubleheader Sunday.

Up next for the men are two doubleheaders this weekend against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Saturday's games will begin at 1 p.m. at Bearcat Field. The teams will face off Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on UNO's home field.

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State tourney runs roughshod over 'Hounds



Maryville senior Mark Anderson (above) struggles to gain the advantage on his opponent during the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Columbia last weekend. Head coach Joe Drake (right) consoles Anderson after his loss in his final match. Despite the loss, Anderson claimed the Spoofhounds' best finish, capturing fourth-place honors in the competition. Four other 'Hound wrestlers made it to state, but did not place.

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Fourth place in the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament in Columbia is "good enough" for Mark Anderson, a Maryville high school senior.

Anderson led Maryville's contingent. He ended up finishing in fourth place in his weight division.

The tournament started last Thursday and continued through Saturday. Five Spoofhound wrestlers competed at the 1A-2A level. Prior to the match, Anderson's goal was to beat his placing from last year, which was sixth.

"I'll be happy as long as I can do better than I did last year," Anderson said. "I hope to finish with a medal and hope to get third in the state."

Anderson travelled to state competition each of his four years of high school. He said he was a lot calmer than he had normally been in the past. This may have been one of the reasons he was wrestling better compared to previous years.

"I look back at seventh and eighth grade and back then I did not win at

all," he said. "I am kind of used to the pressure now, and I think that helped me a lot."

Anderson started the competition by defeating Colby Knox from Adrian, 16-5, but was defeated by Brendon Fox from Higginsville, 12-6, in the next round.

After finding that first and second place were out of reach, Anderson decided to give third place his best try.

He went three rounds undefeated but came up just short of third place. He started by defeating Andy Laupp from Herculaneum, 15-6.

Continuing on his trek, Anderson also beat Lloyd McIntosh from Maplewood, 4-3, and Buddy Nolan from Mid-Buchanan.

Anderson lost to Matt Defries from Lawson in the fight for third and was pinned in the second round of the match. Having beaten Defries in the past, Anderson was not entirely pleased with the match.

"I was kind of disappointed because I have beat him before," he said. "I was pretty satisfied with the match, I just would have like to have won."

Four other wrestlers also made the trip to Columbia competing with the

best in Missouri and representing the Spoofhounds.

Junior D.J. Merrill also went to the state tournament, but was unable to place after losing to Ryan Faintich from Country Day. Merrill went on to grab third place but lost again to Ryan Pomajzl from Boonville, 13-2.

Senior Ryan Costillo came out on fire, beating Troy King from Odessa, 14-5. He was defeated in his second match by Evan Cobb from Maplewood Richmond, 15-9. Costillo, unsuccessfully battled Aaron Avery from Knob Noster. He lost the match, 12-9.

Senior Jeremy Lliteras also was fired up and ready to represent the 'Hounds at state. He won his first match against Garret Robertson from South Harris, 14-7. He then went on to battle Aaron Tolten from Oak Grove and was defeated by a fall. Lliteras tried for third against Tom Ford from Maplewood Richmond, but took another fall and lost the match.

Senior Adam Chadwick, also lost his first match to Seth Shippy by a fall. He then moved on to wrestle James Drury from Versailles. Chadwick lost to Drury, 11-4.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

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Maryville girls falter in districts, season ends with disappointment

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

A state title is the ultimate goal for any team, but the Maryville girls' basketball team will have to wait until next year.

In the district tournament, the team did not pull together like it had hoped. The Spoofhounds played Benton Tuesday at Lafayette and lost, 34-31.

The team, hoping to grasp a win, struggled with its offense and senior Allison Jonagan said turnovers caused a major decline in the team's performance.

The team hoped this would be its year to go all the way. Head coach

Jeff Martin said the team has improved over the years and gave its best effort.

"We played pretty well defensively, but struggled with our offense," Martin said.

The season has not gone to waste, Martin said. The team has been more successful than it has been in the past, going 17-8.

"This is the best the team has done in 10 years," Martin said. "We feel we had a pretty good season, but it just did not turn out the way we hoped."

With the loss, the team will not be able to advance to state competition, ending the 'Hounds' season. The team should be more successful next

year, Martin said.

"We have a lot of good players returning, and they will take it upon themselves to win," Martin said.

This is Jonagan's last year of high school basketball, and she said if the team keeps improving like it has, they will succeed more in upcoming seasons.

Jonagan said Benton pressed really hard and if the Spoofhounds can get that tactic under control, they will do better.

The 'Hounds played Lafayette last Friday and won 60-54 in overtime.

Winning the last game of the regular season gave the team the confidence it wanted going into the district tournament.

Spoofhound boys advance

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The Maryville Spoofhounds will continue to the second round of the district tournament Thursday.

The 'Hounds will battle Cameron following their trouncing of Trenton Tuesday, 68-24.

Although the Dragons are their opponent, the 'Hounds wanted to focus on improving.

"We're not going to put a lot of emphasis on who we're playing next," head coach Mike Kuitzky said. "We just want to improve our game."

Most of the team was hoping to face Cameron, and they would not mind getting another chance at Chillicothe either.

"(Cameron) will be good compe-

tition," senior Craig Archer said. "It will be fun to play them. We've got to play Cameron first, but we'd like to see Chillicothe in the finals."

The 'Hounds had no trouble beating Trenton in the first round of the district tournament.

Every member of the team got the chance to play.

"It was good to get that one down and move ahead to the semifinals," Kuitzky said. "Another positive was that we got to play a lot of kids."

The 'Hounds put the game away early, jumping out to a 9-0 lead with 4:30 left in the first quarter.

By the end of the quarter, Maryville was ahead 19-0. The Bulldogs did not get on the scoreboard until there was 6:33 left in the half. Maryville led 40-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the

Bench Warmer

7th inning will be quiet at Wrigley

"You're out!" cries the umpire as the toss from shortstop beats the runner to the bag.

Shading themselves from the sun, a group of fans chat on a rooftop across the street from Wrigley Field.

A vendor roars "Peanuts" as he wanders through the crowd.

Suddenly, almost like clock-work, everyone stops. The umpires, the vendors and the fans all become silent, turning and looking toward the press box.

It's the 7th-inning stretch. It's time to listen to Harry Caray sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

It had been the same way since 1982, but tradition will fade into memory now, much like the Cubs' dreams of a World Series title always seem to do.

The great Hall of Fame broadcaster died last week at age 77. Chicago Cubs baseball will never quite be the same.

Caray had been in the broadcast booth since 1945, spending hours in the booth calling games for the Cardinals, A's and White Sox before joining his beloved Cubs.

Still, Caray was different from the rest. It was never just his thick glasses or rough voice; it was the enjoyment and insight he brought to those fortunate enough to listen to him call a baseball game.

In the broadcasting world, catch phrases can make or break a career, and Caray had plenty. "It might be, it could be, it is — a home run!" he yelled, or "Cubs win! Cubs win! Cubs win!" after victories.

Baseball lost one of its great ambassadors. In a time when more fans are turning away from ticket windows, Caray understood what it took to make fans flock to the park.

Perhaps his biggest accomplishment was getting fans to tune into Cubs games. A perennial loser, the Cubs lost their best player last Thursday, not to mention their biggest attraction — a 77-year-old broadcaster with a great singing voice.

"Holy cow!"

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Spoofhounds were able to ease up, and the starters saw more time on the bench.

All but two players scored for the 'Hounds. Senior Adam Weldon and junior Ryan Morley led the team with 11 points each. Sophomore Pat Jordan scored eight points.

The 'Hounds were more patient than usual against the Bulldogs. They passed the ball around the perimeter and tried to go inside.

"We were trying to work our offense and get some more inside shots," senior Tyler Hardy said. "We're bit taller and bigger than they are."

The team also used size to its advantage in rebounding. Senior John Otte grabbed seven rebounds, all of which came in the first quarter. Morley had five rebounds.

Employee of the Month

This month we have singled out Colin McDonough, managing editor, as our Employee of the Month.

As managing editor, Colin is responsible for running practicum class, designing pages and maintaining unity among the editorial board.

Colin's hard work and dedication can be seen daily. He always has time to help his fellow employees and is always talking about the Iowa State Cyclones. His positive attitude is an inspiration to his co-workers.

We're proud to recognize Colin as our Employee of the Month for February.

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Raising awareness for disorders

by Ashley Gerken
Missourian Staff

St. Gregory's Catholic Church invited community members to participate in an event to prevent eating disorders through the idea of boosting self-image.

Raising awareness for eating disorders in the community was the main goal for Marcie Sherman, a counselor at Northwest, when she helped plan the workshop "Beyond Ken and Barbie" last Saturday.

"The event on Saturday was a success, and we had a lot more participation from the community than we expected," Sherman said. "It shows that there is a need for these types of programs and eating disorders are topic of concern for many."

The event was targeted at parents of preteen, teens and young adults and was hosted by local pediatrician Susan Watson.

"Issues that Adolescents Face Growing up Today" was presented by Bren Manauga, YMCA Outreach Coordinator.

"I have a commitment to young people, and youngsters have a lot of cultural pulls out there," Manauga said. "Advertising aimed at young people are a primary culprit on the self-esteem of today's teens. The desire to look like models who weigh 30 percent less than the average population has played a part in the increase of eating disorders."

Disturbing trends in recent years show that one out of every 100 women suffer from anorexia and one out of every seven suffer from bulimia.

Sandra Lamer, a counselor at Lamer Counseling Services, closed the presentations with a speech on the cause, symptoms and treatments of eating disorders.

"The cause of eating disorders is often hard to pinpoint and varies between cases," Lamer said. "Low self-esteem, a feeling of guilt and a need for power and control are all causes."

"It is hard for society to understand eating disorders and the mentality behind it. When a healthy person is hungry they eat. When someone suffering from an eating disorder is hungry they will fight off the hunger and feel satisfaction from not eating."

Counselors teach health awareness

by Aya Takahashi
Missourian Staff

The counseling center sponsored a National Eating Disorder Screening Program Tuesday to educate students about their health and body at the Student Union.

The National Eating Disorders Screening Program is a screening and educational program geared toward young adults. Those who attended learned about eating disorders, took a written screening test, reviewed the results with a clinician and received a referral for a follow-up evaluation, if necessary.

"We are glad that we did it," Northwest counselor Marcie Sherman said. "It's a national program, and we wanted to participate in this program because we heard of people or friends having eating disorders here."

People can develop eating disorders at any stage in their lives so it is important to inform people of all ages of the disease.

"It could be anywhere from something happening in their life such as childhoods, gaining or losing weight, going on a diet or stress," nursing coordinator Joyce Bottorff said.

Stress sometimes make people have eating disorders because they can not control their stress except through eating.

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Black history month

by Ashley Gerken

Northwest working alongside of the Alliance for Black Collegiates acknowledges

February as Black History Month and offers many opportunities to experience African American culture.

Black History month was first introduced by a noted black scholar and historian named Carter G. Woodson, who has been quoted as, "The father of Black History."

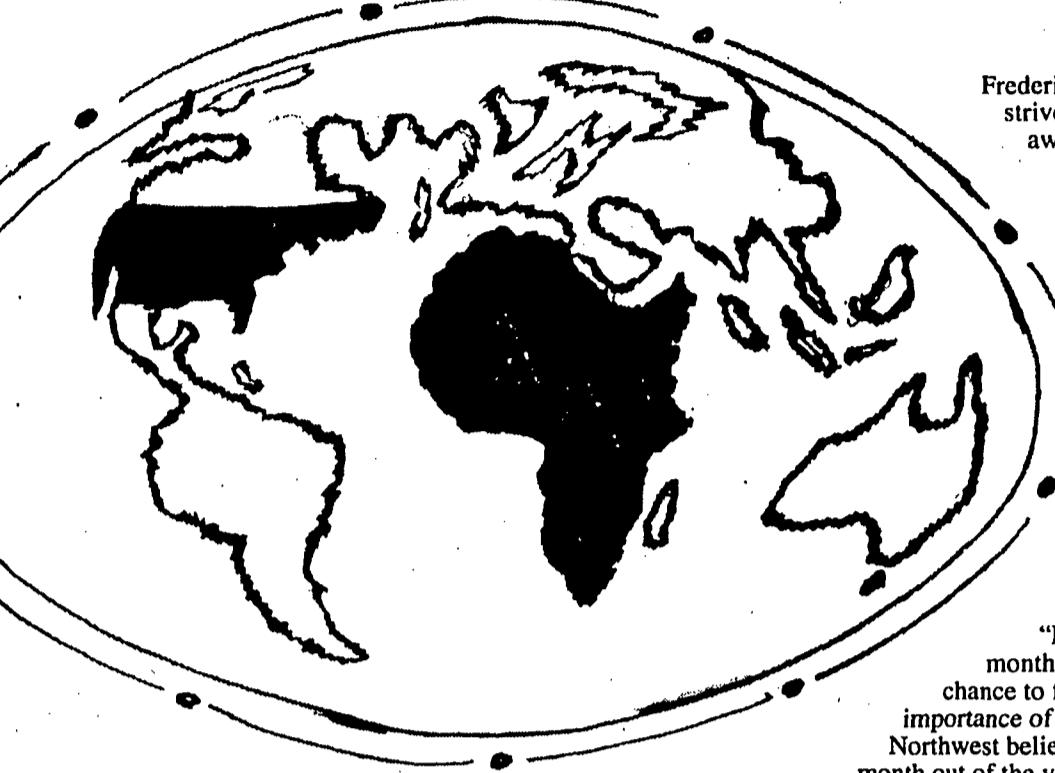
He founded the association for the study of Negro life and started black history week which in the '60s was turned into a month-long celebration.

Black History Month festivities at Northwest started out with a Hall of Fame Feb. 2. It was a collaboration of resources from office to personal items relating to African American culture.

The exhibit featured some of the major African American figures from history up to the present day. These are figures that have contributed to black awareness or have been strong leaders for our country.

The ABC sponsored a career day. They invited companies and individuals to come and talk to black students about careers and give them specific contacts they can make when entering the hunt for a job.

Gospel singer and Northwest alumna Kenny Ray performed a concert Feb. 12. The concert included a gospel choir, the men of Phi Mu Alpha, members of



Celebration and a group of jazz dancers.

An annual event for the Alliance for Black Collegiates took place on Feb. 16 and 17. It involved trips to the elementary schools in Maryville.

The members talked to the students about prominent black people from history and their impact on American culture.

"These visits are positive and get a great response from everyone involved," said ABC president Kimberly Merrill.

One of the most prominent guest speakers of the month was Bertice Berry, host of "USA Live." She spoke Monday at the Charles Johnson Theater and admission was free.

The month's festivities were concluded Wednesday at 5 p.m. with the "Missouri Black Archives

Tour" in the Union Ballroom.

This event was funded by the Missouri State Lottery and was free of charge. It involved an interactive lecture and slide show with Angela DeSilva, a Black History Expert, an open forum and an African-American soul food buffet. The ABC was hoping the event would be supported by the student body.

Like many of the other celebrations throughout the month, DeSilva was not the exception.

Attendance was the lowest at this event at which dinner was catered by ARAMark. DeSilva spoke mainly about the preservation of black archives and black history.

February is the month chosen to celebrate Black History month because of the birthday of

Frederick Douglas who strived for black awareness.

"Black History is an important part of our country's history that isn't always emphasized in the schools," said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs.

"Black History month gives schools a chance to focus in on the importance of it all."

Northwest believes that one month out of the year is not enough time to dedicate to multiculturalism awareness.

They are taking some major strides to improve their outlook on multiculturalism.

"Northwest has taken the initiative to become a multicultural globally focused community," Hetzler said.

This year there have been obstacles to overcome to achieve this goal. At the present time, there is no director of multiculturalism at the University.

Also, because of the small amount of multicultural groups at Northwest it is hard to get the support by large numbers of students.

ABC is trying to bridge the gap between its organization and other organizations on campus. They are supporting other groups in hopes that they will get support in return.

How it happened:

The reason February was named Black History Month is because Frederick Douglas, the black leader, and Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. 16th president, were both born in February. Carter Woodson, a black historian known as "the Father of Black History," proposed the idea for an observance honoring the accomplishments of African Americans. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 which later became known as Black History Week and eventually established as Black History Month in 1976.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History sponsors the observance. Each year, the association designates a theme. The theme for 1997 was "African Americans and Civil Rights: A Reappraisal."

History makers:

Sojourner Truth
She joined an antislavery society and spoke out against slavery. She was also in favor of women's suffrage.

Henry Highland Garnet
He was a pastor as well as a political activist. He also continued to advocate violence to end slavery if peaceful methods failed.

William Monroe Trotter
He formed the National Equal Rights League and led demonstrations against plays and films which glorified the Ku Klux Klan.

Harriet Ross Tubman
She started the underground railroad which helped black slaves escape from the South to the free states as far north as Canada.

Bertice: 'It's got to start Berry with you ...'

by Heather Butler

Assistant Features Editor



Bertice Berry inspired, enlightened and humored the audience Monday night during her speech in Charles Johnson Theater.

my head, I am saying get it off."

Throughout her life, Berry has accomplished many feats. She has evoked much laughter in the hearts and minds of others. Among her accomplishments are being an award winning lecturer, a stand-up comedian, a doctor of sociology, and a host of "USA Live."

Through everything Berry has experienced her biggest accomplishment was learning to read.

"Learning to read gave me many perspectives," Berry said. "It gave me a natural perspective because everything has built upon that. On a spiritual perspective, it meant coming into a relationship with God and renewing that and transforming from that perspective on a regular basis."

Alumnus brings celebration

by Jennifer Simler

Features Editor

Needless to say, the attendance did not affect Ray's determination to put on an energized show for the crowd.

The third song was dedicated to a "cute little old couple" Ray served when he worked at Houston's restaurant in Overland Park, Kan. The couple had been married for 50 years and looked so in love, Ray said.

The husband told Ray that, "If I can't see her smile, my life's not worthwhile." It was that very statement that inspired Ray to write the song "My Love."

His first compact disc, "Hold on Strong," coming out with Big Owl Productions this month, will contain the majority of the songs he performed.

Whether Mary Linn was filled or not, Ray was more than happy to return to his alma mater and celebrate a special time of the year.

"I was honored (to perform)," Ray said. "I wish more people would look



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director
Kenny Ray, his band and dancers entertained with his gospel music during the celebration of Black History Month.

at it like winning a battle. Black History Month means we are all willing to come together as one. So, I was honored they (ABC) asked me to come perform."

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Unique proposals create memories

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Getting down on one knee just does not seem to be enough anymore. Men are finding more creative ways to surprise their spouses-to-be with the "big" question.

Whether it's a ring in a wine glass or scuba diving in the ocean, proposals are becoming more unique. Northwest is no exception.

Chris Pavalis, public relations major, became engaged Dec. 13 to P.J. Amys, a recent Northwest graduate. It was the Saturday before finals which made concentrating on her tests nearly impossible.

"I went home to Omaha that weekend, and P.J. took me out to dinner Saturday night," Pavalis said.

After dinner, they went back to his parent's house and started watching television with his family.

Although Pavalis suspected Amys would propose soon, she had no idea what was about to happen that night.

Later, they were getting ready to leave

for Amys' company's Christmas party when he said, "My mom finished putting the ornaments on the Christmas tree. I want to show you my favorite one."

"We went downstairs, and he pointed at a gold bell," Pavalis said.

Pavalis looked at the bell hanging on the tree. Then, Amys turned the bell around and stepped behind her. Pavalis read the inscription that said, "Will you marry me?"

"When I turned around, P.J. was on one knee and proposed. He totally caught me off guard," Pavalis said.

Amys had replaced the clapper part of the bell with a diamond ring. When he asked if she wanted the bell or the ring first and she exclaimed, "The ring!"

Their wedding is set for Aug. 22 in Omaha, Neb.

Sarah Carr, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, and Brian Kever, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, became engaged Nov. 4, the day after Carr's birthday.

Sorority women traditionally announce their engagement in front of the entire sorority at a candlelighting ceremony.

During the ceremony, the women stand in a circle and pass a candle. On the third time around, the woman who is engaged will blow out the flame.

Kever asked the sorority president to organize a candlelighting ceremony to surprise Carr with a marriage proposal.

Only three of Carr's sorority sisters knew

about his plan.

When Carr received the candle for the third time, she tried to pass it to her friend.

Instead, Carr's friend told her to turn around and she saw Kever, who had snuck in through the door behind her.

Kever was on one knee, and he proposed using his mother's wedding ring.

"I knew we'd get engaged soon, but I thought it would be over Christmas," Carr said. "He totally surprised me."

Paul and Joan Marfice, owners of Marfice Jewelry in Maryville, have heard about many engagement plans in their 21 years of business.

They recall one time when a man planned to place the engagement ring inside a fortune cookie to give his girlfriend during dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Although men are putting more imagination into their proposals, they are still traditionally popping the question at certain times of the year.

Marfice Jewelry sells the most engagement rings around Christmas and in August.

Joan attributes the August ring rush to local students preparing to leave home and significant others for college.

The marquise cut has been gaining in popularity the last five years. The addition of baguettes as side diamonds is also becoming more common.

"I think people just like something different," Joan said.

Last minute wedding tips

- Two to three months before the wedding
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 - Finalize plans with photographer, videographer, baker, florist, reception entertainment, caterer, etc.
 - Finalize ceremony details
 - Purchase accessories such as toasting goblets, cake knives and servers, ring pillow, garter, candles
 - Plan and book location for rehearsal dinner and attendants' parties

- One month before the wedding
 - Arrange transportation for wedding day
 - Purchase gifts for attendants as well as bride and groom
 - Have final fittings

- Two weeks before the wedding
 - Pick up wedding rings
 - Meet with photographer, videographer and reception entertainment

- One week before the wedding
 - Give caterer total guest count and confirm all details with the photographer, videographer, reception entertainment, florist, etc.
 - Confirm all honeymoon arrangements
 - Make sure you have a wedding license
 - Pick up all wedding attire

- On the wedding day
 - Do not forget to take the wedding rings and license to ceremony
 - Leave plenty of time for getting ready
 - If pictures will be taken before the ceremony, arrange for the wedding party to be dressed and at the site two hours before the ceremony
 - Have fun!

Family makes planning chaotic

My parents got divorced four years ago. My oldest brother believed my father's story, and my other brother believed my mother. I stayed in the middle, and I am the only person in the family who is still speaking to everyone.

It now is time to plan my wedding and you would think my family would come together for this event — wrong. Actually, I have been married since July, but my husband and I are planning a church wedding. It took us three weeks of consulting family members to agree on where to have the wedding because everyone has to have a say.

We were going to have the wedding in my hometown, but



■ Cynthia Cole

because I have not lived there for five years I could not find a pastor that would marry us. We decided to have it in Maryville, and my parents freaked out.

My mother was afraid no one would show up because they would have to drive three hours. She was worried about being at the same hotel as my father. She also wondered what the reception would be like with everyone in my family drinking.

My mother-in-law was not coming because she did not want to fly here from Arizona, and there was going to be drinking at the reception.

My father was concerned about how much money the wedding would cost him and wanted to make sure my mother would be contributing the same amount. My father also was concerned about drinking — the fact that there better be drinking.

My oldest brother was concerned about staying in the same motel as my mother. My other

brother only wanted to see my mother and me.

I thought I had it all figured out when I decided to have a reception at the church with no drinking and whoever wanted to could go to the bar afterward. That seemed to solve that problem but my mother found something else to worry about.

My father-in-law handled the situation with my mother-in-law by telling her what my husband and I had wanted to say. "If it bothers you that much, don't come."

I solved the motel arrangement problem by telling my mother and one brother to stay at one motel and the other brother and my father to stay at another. That seemed to work fine until my father figured out that his motel was more expensive.

I finally told everyone to deal with it. After all of this, my husband looked at me and said "Do you just want to elope again?"

Cynthia Cole is the advertising design director for the Northwest Missourian.

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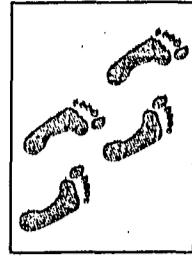
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It's sad that the United States can't even beat Canada in Olympic team sports anymore. Although, our national anthem still thumps theirs. O' Canada, O' please — Whitney Houston could not even make that song cool.

For those of you who have been waiting, Your Man did a rating of bathrooms on campus this week. I have to award the Grand Champion to Gold Hall. I've seen bars (the Palms) that are not that big. If Your Man could get computer access, I'd move in.

Following in a close second was the library and Bearcat Arena. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and take a leak — I mean a look.

While sitting at a local drinking establishment last week, I saw the oddest thing. A girl stumbled in with a crown on her head and a sash that read "Birthday Girl." It was a nice handmade sign that someone spent way too much time coloring with markers.

About six of her closest friends accompanied her up to the bar. I'm sure most of you bar patrons can fill in what happened next.

Her "friends" bought her shot after shot. After each one, they carefully marked down what kind it was and who bought it.

Apparently, it is also tradition to have the birthday girl sign her name after each one. The fact that she knew her name showed that she needed another shot in her friends' opinion.

It was a very poignant and loving moment when one of the friends decided that she was too drunk to have another Yeagermeister shot and instead ordered a Wildberry Schnapps.

Your Man does not want to be the party pooper; it obviously was all in good fun. Good fun for who though? I guarantee Ms. 21 does not remember anything past shot No. 4, however, she can check the record and see who bought her what after that. The list itself is really a keepsake — something you'll be proud to show your kids and future spouse.

The fun then was being had by the "friends" who kept coming up with new shots they could buy her. Their blatant disregard for her well-being was sickening to Your Man. "You're so drunk," was heard more than once. In fact, "I'm so drunk," was also heard quite a few times.

Although, it is not just girls though, guys do it too. The neat thing about them is they can hold a lot more liquor, making it harder to know when to stop. You will never see a guy wearing a crown, sash or carrying a list

though — it would not be manly. Plus, this way if he takes less than 10 shots, no one will ever know.

It's great the bars give free shots to people who just turned 21. Nothing like implicating yourself in a manslaughter case, is there?

Your Man was once prelaw, and I would love to roast one of the owners on the stand. "So what you're telling me is that you give them the first shot free and then keep serving them until their college-age friends decide they have had enough?" As long as they get \$2 for a shot, what do they really care though?

Worse yet are their so called friends who shove shot after shot down their throat. You determine the entire night's success or failure by whether or not you can make them throw up. What will make you throw up is if your friend gets alcohol poisoning or dies from any other alcohol-related death.

It will not be hard to prosecute you either. Your names are all right there on the list. Not only will your friend be dead, but you will get to make numerous visits to the Nodaway County Courthouse. You will meet many new friends in jail, and hey you might just meet that special someone.

I tell my friends from other schools about this ritual, and they think we are all crazy. At most schools, they go out and get hammered with the good old fashioned weapon of choice — beer. Sure it is still dangerous, and it is binge drinking, but not to the extent that our 21 ritual has become.

I know, I know, it's tradition. Although being a tradition does not make it correct. Freshmen do not wear beanies anymore, and Using Computers is no longer easy. All good things must come to an end. Fortunately for us, this should not be viewed as a good thing ending, but rather a bad thing finally dying before one of us does. This should be viewed as killing another '70s tradition. Just like bell bottoms, free love and the Beatles. We need to move on.

I don't want to see that headline in the *Missourian* that reads, "Friends kill fellow student with alcohol." So whether you're a guy or a gal, a 4.0 or a point, black or white, tall or short — the next time you celebrate someone's 21st, do what that Aretha Franklin song says — "Think."

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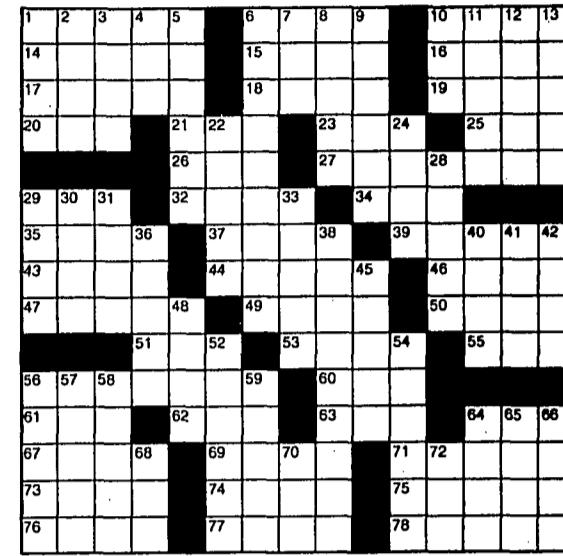
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Weekly Crossword

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16. City founded by Harald Haardraade
17. Shiftless one
18. 1492 ship
19. Talk show pioneer
20. _____ Moines
21. NBC's parent
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25. Scram cowboy-style
26. Nightmare street
27. Trappers
29. Six-time NL homer champ
32. Hop _____ (2 words)
34. Hot Springs, e.g.
35. Actor Morris
37. Rainbow Bridge state
39. Edible part of rhubarb
43. Folk wisdom
44. Horror-film baddie
46. One of the Gemini
47. Looking at
49. Moore of Ghost
50. Shirt part
51. Keep an _____ to the ground
53. Appear
55. Golfer Trevino
56. Trip
60. Chem. or biol.
61. Egyptian snake
62. Baseball's Magie
63. Distant: prefix
64. Small bit
67. Send, as a letter
69. Glass piece
71. The Sons of _____ Elder
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74. Famed volcano
75. Seavred and Clapton
76. Did perfectly on a test
77. Oliver or Donna
78. Foreign and front, e.g.



Answers to last issue's puzzle

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72. Area measure

Area Events**Kansas City**

March 4 — Boomshaka, Ranch Bowl, Grand Emporium.
March 6 — Lil Ed Blues Imperials, Grand Emporium.
March 11-19 — Buffalo Hair, Coterie Theatre.
March 14 — Joe Henderson, Folly Theater.
March 26-29 — NCAAs Hoop City, Bartle Hall.
April 15-19 — Schoolhouse Rock Live, Coterie Theatre.
April 18 — Marian McPartland Trio, Folly Theater.

Omaha

March 3 — Hepcat, Ranch Bowl.
March 3-8 — "Annie," Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
March 14 — Gaither Homecoming, Civic Auditorium Arena.
March 18 — Everclear, Ranch Bowl.
March 21 — Geoff Moore, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 1 — Dread Zeppelin, Ranch Bowl.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

Feb. 26-28 — Iowa State Wrestling Tournament, Vets Auditorium.
Feb. 26-28 — "Winnie the Pooh," Ingersoll Dinner Theater.
March 3 — Chick Corea, Civic Center.
March 6 — Arts After Hours Program, Art Center.
March 7-8 — The Planets (All Orchestra), Civic Center.
March 10 — Irish Rovers, Civic Center.
March 12 — Wade Hayes, Supertoad.

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Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director

'Cats' fans rock Arena

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

While he watches the game, his eyes never leave the court. He knows all the players' names and numbers and religiously attends all the home games. This superfan has a unique devotion to the Bearcats — especially since he is only 3 years old.

Boston Schneider, son of Shari and Dean Schneider, is one of the Bearcats' biggest fans.

Boston is so dedicated he will not leave the arena at halftime or during warm-ups, Shari said.

"He calls it the green and white team," Shari said. "We just went to games and he totally picked up on it. He even knows some of the lingo."

Boston is such a huge supporter of the Bearcats that at night before bedtime he prays for every member of the team.

"Tuesday night (after the Missouri-Rolla game) he sat down to say his prayer and said 'Mommy, I don't want to pray for anyone,'" Shari said. "He said that he wanted to pray for the Bearcats, Maurice (Huff), Shakey (Harrington), Mike

(Morley), (Phil) Simpson, (Matt) Redd..."

Boston loves the Bearcats, but he is not the only superfan.

Diane Krueger, geology/geography instructor, is a huge supporter of the Bearcats. She has attended nearly all the home games.

"I believe in supporting them no matter how they are doing," Krueger said.

Krueger not only attends the games but really participates in the action. When songs such as "YMCA" play, she along with registrar Linda Girard and Jim Smelzer, chemistry/physics professor, cheer and dance to the music.

"I am very excited about how well our team has done this year," Krueger said. "(I) hope they do well in the postseason games and no matter what happens — they've had a great season."

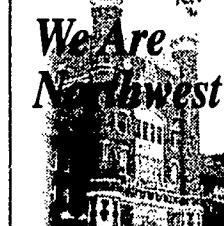
There has been a rise in the crowds as the season progressed, athletic director Jim Redd said.

The Bearcat's next game in the MIAA tournament is at 7 p.m. tonight in Bearcat Arena. Redd hopes that all the fans will come out and support the Bearcats against Pittsburg State University.



Adam Dorrel and Scott Courter (above) encourage the players by yelling "defense" during Saturday's basketball game against Missouri Western State College. Dorrel and Courter, both Bearcat football players, are used to fan participation at sporting events. (Below) Boston Schneider, a Bearcat superfan, claps the team on at the game. He knows most of the players by name and number and also prays for every member before bedtime.

Darren Papek/Photography Director



■ Young, old alike cheer Northwest teams to victories

Lab tests find metal increase in area landfill

Iraq controversy

Hussein backs down, local reserves stay home

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

An increase of heavy metals has been found in the Maryville landfill following two lab tests that came back Monday.

The flaw in the landfill will not cause any harm to the residents of Maryville but it is a problem that must be rectified, City Manager David Angerer said.

The Maryville landfill has been in existence since the early '70s, and Angerer believes fixing the problem would not be the answer.

The problem with the landfill is that there is no liner at the bottom, Angerer said.

The two labs involved in the tests said there is a definite problem with the structure of the landfill. The only solutions to the problem, Angerer said, are to keep a closer eye on the landfill and to keep it in operation until it is necessary to shut it down.

A new landfill was expected before this problem arose, because it is already close to holding its maximum capacity.

The city has called in an engineer to assess the situation.

John Rockhold of Terricon Engineering will help with the investigations. Rockhold will also be present at the City Council meeting in March to answer any questions.

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed Sunday to allow United Nation's weapons inspectors into his presidential palaces to avoid another Gulf War and to end the standoff between the two nations.

The agreement was met by U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan and Hussein. It says that the United Nations will postpone an air attack if Hussein allows weapons inspectors to search for unlawful weapons.

Because Hussein has met the United Nations' part of the deal, the United Nations has agreed to gather diplomats from 20 different countries to go with the inspectors into the palaces. This was Hussein's part of the agreement and his reasoning behind it is that he thinks U.N. inspectors are primarily from the United States and Britain.

War was not out of the question because of the mass of troops already stationed in the Gulf. Over 25,000 troops were ready to accept orders and more reserves have been sent to

support United Nations' actions.

The reserves were first requested by Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Clinton said the United States is planning on leaving its troops in the Gulf to ensure that Hussein keeps his end of the bargain. This action is looked upon as a smart one by a local reserve from Northwest.

"There is no doubt that some of Saddam's actions are improper," weapons specialist Derrick Vidacak said. "The United States should definitely keep its eye on him."

Local Army members questioned whether they were going to have to join the troops already posted in the Gulf and wondered if the cause was a worthy one.

"He is kind of being like a big bully, because he has a right to protect his military," Vidacak said.

Vidacak said the United Nations might have been jumping into something that they should not have been and that this problem should have

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Regents approve funding for Union

■ University to receive money from bond sales for campus renovations

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

A means of paying for the renovations to the Student Union and six residence halls was approved by the Board of Regents last week.

The University will allocate money for the renovations by selling bonds. The bonds are available at the UMB Bank and local brokers, A.G. Edwards and Edward D. Jones, for a minimum of \$5,000. Northwest will use the revenue from increased tuition similar to a U.S. savings bond.

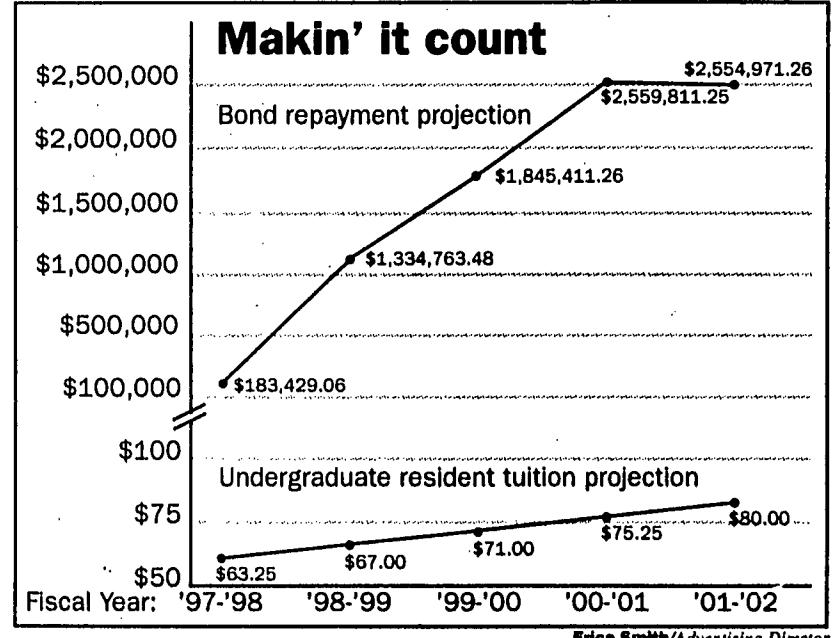
The total amount the University will receive from the bonds is \$22.8 million. Most of them have been sold, and the rest are expected to be sold in the next two weeks, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance.

The bonds are AAA (the highest) ranked by Moody's, an insurance company in New York, and insured by the Municipal Bond insurance association. The bonds are tax exempt.

Courter said the highest rank shows Northwest is a credible institution and will pay the money back.

The bond has a 4.89 percent average interest rate over 20 years. The lower interest rate will give additional revenue for the renovations.

Courter said he expected a 5 percent interest rate that produces \$22.5



million in revenue. However, the difference of the interest rate increased funds for the University.

"What's really very good about this is the low interest rate," Courter said. "This is a little bit lower than we anticipated."

This extra money will be used for more additions such as new furniture in the Union and residence halls, Courter said.

"We won't have so much money coming in (to pay back for tuition)," Courter said. "We are able to have a little bit higher amount of bond

money coming in to support it because the interest rate is just a little bit lower."

Renovations to the Union will start this fall and will be done in two years. The residence hall renovations will be finished in three years.

South Complex (Cook, Richardson and Wilson) renovations will be in the first year, followed by Phillips Hall the next year and Franken Hall the third year. Hudson Hall's minor renovations (new windows and front entry) will be completed over the summer.

My Turn**K-State loses media leader for no reason**

Ever since Sarah Brady spoke to a crowd at Charles Johnson Theater, questions have been raised on campus regarding First Amendment rights.

While discussing it with other students, I have received comments such as "Well you are just one of those journalism people who care about the First Amendment" or "The Northwest Missourian is just trying to stir up trouble."

While each of these comments are ludicrous, the first does offer some truth.

I do care about the First Amendment and students and faculty alike around different campuses are fighting right now, just as Northwest, to ensure those rights to all individuals.

Possibly one of the strongest examples concerns Ron Johnson, the student publications director for Kansas State University. Johnson was relieved of his position with no warning or explanation, violating his First and Fourteenth amendment rights.

I am not going to pretend that I know Johnson well or that any of the work at Kansas State University's student publications department has in any way directly affected me.

His work at KSU has indirectly affected me and the student publication departments at universities all over the nation, because it's the *Collegian* (the daily newspaper at K-State) that has set national standards.

Johnson has become a name and man much respected in the eyes of journalism advisers and students who he helps by critiquing their newspapers at conventions, giving advice over e-mail and encouraging other advisers to be a "counselor, listener, lobbyist, treasurer, cheerleader and trend-watcher."

Johnson has been involved with the College Media Advisers association for years, serving as both vice president and president.

He has worked positions on both the Kansas Scholastic Press Association and the Kansas Student-Press Legislation, which restored First Amendment rights to public high school students in 1992.

He has given so much to the journalism community, that it is so shocking that one thing guaranteed to us, due process and the First Amendment, was taken away from him Feb. 5 during the Kansas State Board of Student Publications meeting.

The day they decided to vacate Johnson's job without explanation or due process was the day that one of the top-ranked journalism departments in the country began its downfall.

It is a sad and scary day for journalists everywhere.

So many questions run through my mind.

I wonder how the board that runs such a strong student publications department agrees to let go one of the best leaders in the country. Good leadership and strong publications go hand-in-hand.

I wonder how student representatives, those elected to support and interpret the views of all students, can go behind closed doors to discuss this issue? It goes directly against what every college student government should support — teamwork and communication for all involved.

I am ashamed for their board members and feel bad for the students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at KSU.

Their feelings of betrayal can be read on numerous outlets such as the *Collegian*'s website to the numerous e-mails sent by present and past editors alike asking for answers.

I hope one of two things happen for KSU. One, I hope the board explains the decision they felt so compelled to vote. And, two, I hope the university realizes the mistake they made, hires Ron back and starts to appreciate its faculty.

One thing I do guarantee is that if KSU doesn't appreciate Ron Johnson, it will not be long until someone else does.

Jackie Tegen is a contributing writer to the Northwest Missourian.



■ Jackie Tegen



Our View OF THE UNIVERSITY

Athletics attain new heights in MIAA

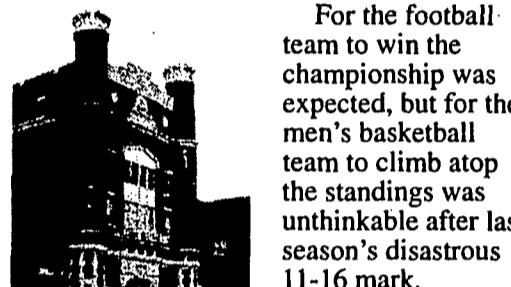
Northwest athletics have reached quite a pinnacle this school year with championship performances.

The latest accomplishment is an MIAA regular season co-championship for the men's basketball squad.

This from a team that was picked to finish sixth in the preseason coaches' poll. A team that ended up winning 21 games and had a 14-game winning streak. This seems like quite a feat for a team picked as the middle of the pack.

What makes winning so special is that it has been done in triplicate during the 1997-98 season at Northwest. The football team and women's cross country team also brought home conference championships.

The last time a Northwest team won both the football and basketball MIAA championships was back in 1939. Back then, winning was nothing new for the 'Cats, because that was the fourth time they had accomplished the feat. The 'Cats captured dual titles in 1925, 1931 and 1938 under legendary coaches by the names of Hank Iba and Ryland Milner, just to name two of them.



For the football team to win the championship was expected, but for the men's basketball team to climb atop the standings was unthinkable after last season's disastrous 11-16 mark.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer seems to have brewed the

ingredients of this year's team into a winner. If one were to look at this team, they would realize they do not have the one bona fide star.

Yes, there's "Shakey" (Harrington) and the hometown boy (Matt Redd), but a different player steps up at every game to meet the challenge. That is what makes a team a champion, and this year's Bearcats are the definition of team and champion.

Even though they ended the season on a rough note with two losses, they still had a share of the title. They have also moved the semifinal round of the conference tournament. The 'Cats will battle the Pittsburg

State University Gorillas at 7 p.m. tonight in Bearcat Arena.

The team will also play in the South Central regional tournament, vying for a spot in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, March 18-21 in Louisville, Ky.

Although, the 'Cats can only go as far as their fans take them. The crowd was tremendous for Saturday's game against our nemesis Missouri Western State College, but Tuesday night the crowd was very lackluster.

Tappmeyer said after Tuesday night's triumph over the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners, that the crowd that was there really did its job. But the team needs much more support if they are going to make a run in the South Central regional.

It's been quite a year for the Bearcats and their fans. Now, all they need is to keep doing what they have been doing all season — what has taken them this far. Then this team will have a chance to go down in the annals as the best Bearcat team in history.

With a little luck, this team will add to Northwest's fantastic athletic year.

Greek leaders provide additional insight

As leaders in the Greek community, we would like to offer an open letter to Gregory Roper, assistant professor of English, and the others whose views of us are based solely on stereotypes and misinformation.

We would like to present food for thought, for your students' next papers.

First, we would like to acknowledge the ratio of fraternity men and sorority women who binge drink is about twice that of those who are unaffiliated with Greek-letter organizations. The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse showed this in a 1991 study.

The Greek community, both nationally and at Northwest, admits this tragedy and is actively addressing it.

Roper, this is about the extent of our agreement with your editorial. And we would like to stress editorial — as in opinion — because the sweeping generalizations merely served to intensify a stereotypical misunderstanding of the Greek community.

It is unfortunate that you assign your students to "defend or attack the fraternity system" and then ask them to "come up with reasons and evidence for their positions," yet, you fail to support your own position with fact.

Please, let us educate you about the four components of "Select 2000." This initiative of the National Interfraternity Council is based on the following:

• Supporting the academic mission of

host institutions.

- Developing value-centered leaders.
- Offering undergraduates an opportunity for personal development.
- Offering involvement in and allegiance to the host institution.

To explain the alcohol proposal portion of "Select 2000" simply, it is similar to Roberta Hall's alcohol policy. There wouldn't be any alcohol allowed in the houses, but a fraternity would still be allowed to rent out an establishment with a third-party vendor providing alcohol. Parties with alcohol would still exist, just not on fraternity property. This diminishes the risk of date rape and other violent crimes through the reduction of alcohol, when such problems occur.

Roper, you challenge us to "sign" "Select 2000" and "encore it ruthlessly." It is obvious that the Greek community is already embracing "Select 2000" and its principles. It is endorsed by 32 national fraternities, including nine of the 10 represented at Northwest and two fraternities have fully adopted it.

In an effort to make a difference, members of the 10 fraternities and five sororities organized 17,743 hours of community service and collected \$18,500 worth of philanthropic donations during the 1996-97 year.

More than 800 Greeks and non-Greeks come out each year to support Sigma Sigma Sigma S.O.S. Walk to raise awareness for sexual predator acts.

Eighty-eight percent of student body officers in the past four years have been members of Greek organizations and more than half of the current presidents of student organizations on campus are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

Programs like Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man program and Delta Sigma Phi's Edge program provide a basis for members to build upon the strengths of their brothers to develop personally in such areas as physical, spiritual and social well-being.

All of this is in addition to the Greeks' unquantifiable contributions to the Northwest community during Homecoming and throughout the year.

The sororities and fraternities do make significant contributions to the environment in which we live. We do develop leaders. We do provide our brothers and sisters with tremendous opportunity for personal development, and there are Northwest faculty who appreciate this. Open your mind Roper and see that the Greek experience is one of the many positive experiences Northwest has to offer.

We realize there are problems, but the only way to fix them is to address them and create solutions. Not to become the hub for anti-Greek relations and false information.

Jennifer Simler is the president of Panhellenic Council and Kelly Ferguson is the president of Interfraternity Council.



■ Jennifer Simler



■ Kelly Ferguson

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It's Your Turn

What has been the most impressive about this year's Northwest athletics?

All of the teams have done well this year. They took their accomplishments in the past and built on it. If there was a bad week, they improved in the next week.

Jenny Tinsley, child and family studies major

"How the whole program is entering into the next level with all the championships."

Jon Gustafson, assistant football coach

"The success of the cross country team has been the most impressive."

Miguel Rivera, finance major

"It is the one thing that brings everyone on campus together."

Jealaine Vaccaro, English major

"The success of the football team along with the basketball and track. They are all great."

Karen Barmann, public relations major

"Even though we are a small school, the level of talent is superior."

Jenna Rhodes, wildlife, ecology and conservation major

"They've all played as a team."

Jerry Lutz, Northwest Missouri Cellular community relations manager

Career Day helps open doors

■ Over 80 businesses from four-state area seek employees, interns

by Steven Melling

Missourian Staff

Northwest students took advantage of the opportunity to meet with over 80 companies at the spring Career Day Tuesday.

Career Services' goal was to have something for all fields, graduate assistant Amy West said.

Many students attended to gain a perspective on what they need to do to prepare for the job market.

"I think I need to start figuring out where my opportunities lie," said Troy Lehan, psychology/sociology major. "(I need to find out) what I am qualified for, (and) what I am not qualified for."

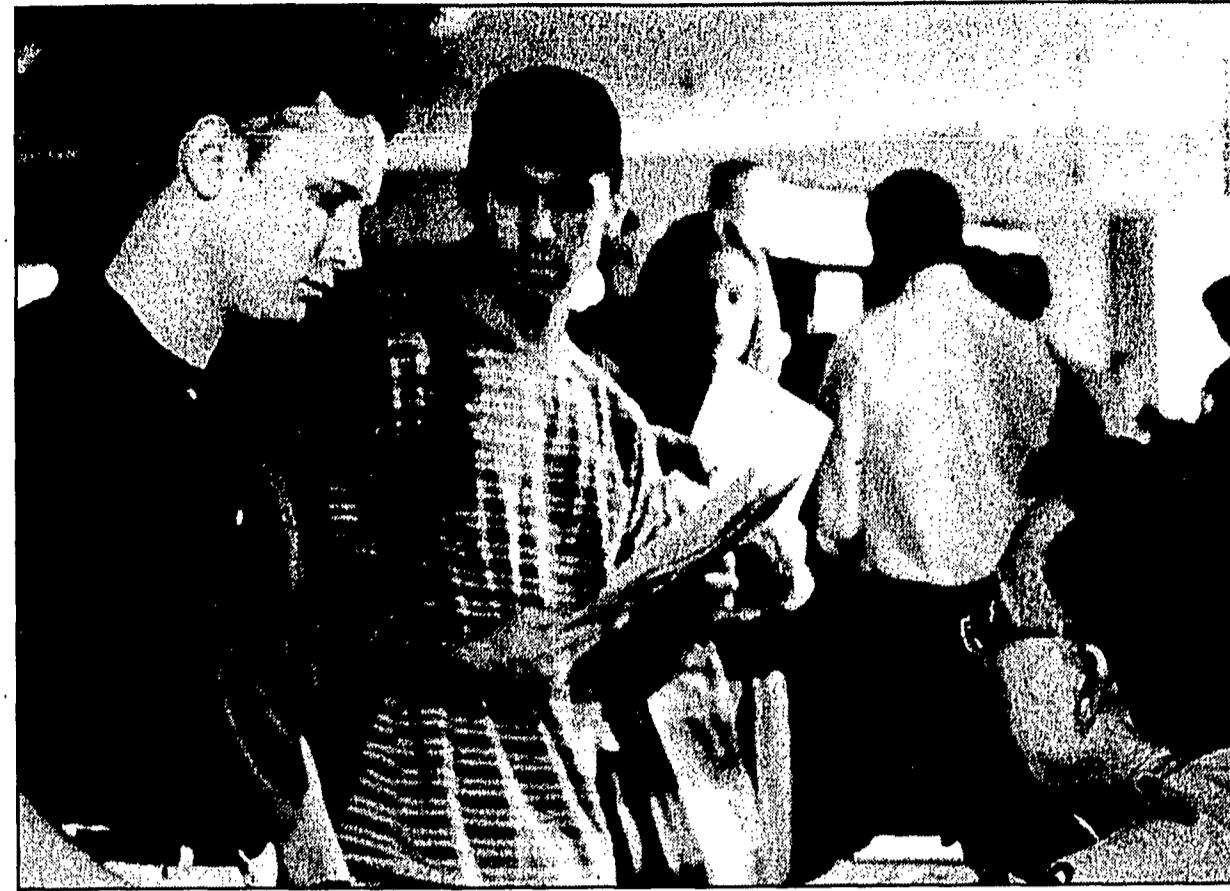
Companies participating in Career Day were primarily from the four-state area.

Jim Kolarik, a representative of Western Air Maps, Inc., of Overland Park, Kan., said the location of the University, as well as the reputation of the geography department, were the main reasons they came to Career Day.

"The (geography) program here is one of the better ones and it's fairly close. I think it works well with both parties," Kolarik said. "We've got individuals who would like to stay close to home, and Northwest Missouri State isn't too far from Kansas City."

Kolarik said his company currently employs six Northwest graduates among their total of 45 employees.

However, some students ex-



Adriana Albers/Staff Photographer

Dan Ferguson, left, talks with George Kastler, chief parks naturalist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Tuesday during Career Day. Over 80

companies were in attendance for Career Day to give Northwest students an idea of what jobs are open to them in their field.

pressed concern as to the lack of diversity in majors represented.

Geography major Jami Janeckzo said there needed to be more businesses offering geography-based jobs.

"It would be OK if there were more things for geography here, but the University doesn't do it, and

we're one of the biggest departments here on campus," Janeckzo said.

"There's only the (Missouri) Department of Natural Resources and Garmin and Western Air Maps here."

Other companies at Career Day that have hired Northwest students were Archer Daniels Midland Com-

pany and Mutual of Omaha.

Northwest Alumnus Bruce Barstow works for Mutual of Omaha and believes Northwest students are a great asset to his company.

"The computer science department here and the M.I.S. program are very solid and we get good recruits out of here that stay with us," Barstow said.

Board of Regents announce interim dean for semester

by Stephanie Zellstra

Assistant News Editor

The College of Professional and Applied Studies will see a new face as the interim dean of the college next fall.

Arley Larson, chairman of the agriculture department, will be temporarily filling the position for Ron DeYoung who will serve on the Missouri in London program.

Northwest has an agreement with Truman State University and Southwest Missouri State University to provide a faculty member each fall semester for the Missouri in London business internship program.

The agreement began three years ago, and this semester it is Northwest's turn to provide a faculty member.

DeYoung's duties while in London will include coordinating the internship program with the different companies, assigning evaluations of the interns and teaching international management.

"I am very excited about the program," DeYoung said. "Anytime we can broaden our horizons, we need to take advantage of it. We need to be able to understand people in the type of world we have today."

DeYoung's wife will be accompanying him on the trip and their two daughters hope to take vacation time so they will all be able to meet up with them in Europe.

While DeYoung has been making plans, there has also been plan-



■ Ron DeYoung

he would fill the position.

Larson found it was a great opportunity to expand himself professionally and took the position.

"I was real honored that I was even approached about the position," Larson said. "I am viewing this as professional internship. It will help me gain an understanding of the position. I am potentially interested in the position."

DeYoung also believes it is a good opportunity for Larson to gain some credit for himself.

Another aspect that Larson likes about the position is that it has a definite end. He also hopes to gain experience.

Some of the duties he will assume will be the fiscal elements of the college, being a representative to the administration and the day-to-day operations of the college.

There will be a transition period where Larson can learn more details about the position before DeYoung leaves for London.

Faculty members present innovative way of learning

■ Coordinating Board receives presentations about Modular Learning

by Mark Hornickel

Chief Reporter

A group of Northwest faculty travelled to Jefferson City to demonstrate a new way of learning.

Eight faculty members, representing four different courses, presented the new Modular Learning Program to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education last week.

"It was extremely well received," said Beth Wheeler, vice president of community relations. "The commissioner, who is a very busy person, spent almost the entire two hours with us. It was a very well-prepared demonstration."

It was a very positive experience for the faculty and the Board, said Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences.

"It was a nice, broad array of classes," Barnes said. "The Board began to understand what modular learning is all about, and they can see how are networked campus and the WorldWide Web can be integrated to enhance the learning process."

The faculty members presented four different types of Modular Learning Programs.

Each one lasted about 10 minutes to give the Coordinating Board a taste of the program. They then opened the floor to any questions.

The four courses that were presented in Jefferson City were computer science, music appreciation, writing for media professionals and laboratory science.

"They are all really different in their approach," Barnes said. "They're doing whatever is best for the students. That's the key. If it doesn't enhance learning, then why do we do it? We want to focus on the students."

The faculty members also went to the Capitol building to demonstrate modular learning to senators and state representatives.

"I think it really enhanced the visibility and the stature that Northwest has in Jefferson City," Wheeler said.

The modular learning program is a component of Northwest's Mission Enhancement initiative that the University took to the state legislature last year.

The proposal was to try to enhance and extend the Electronic Campus to enrich and facilitate learning, using information technol-

ogy on and off campus. It was approved and received funding.

In all, 21 faculty members were selected to work on 12 modular projects.

They consist of eight general education courses, three lower division courses and one upper division course.

Now, the University needs to develop the curriculum in more depth, Wheeler said.

"As others on campus want to use technology in the classroom to help

students learn, we'll be teaching them how to do it, how to get into it and how to make sure they're affecting students on all levels of knowledge, understanding and comprehension," Wheeler said.

■ Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences

of the semester.

"That was another way to increase awareness on campus," Wheeler said. "It heightened some interest in people who want to do better. It's such a broad scope that it really was inspiring and the group received it enthusiastically because it wasn't just two people who put their heads together and are turning out cookie cutters. It really spawns creative thinking."

The Modular Learning Program was designed to help students learn at their own pace.

Students that are familiar with certain concepts will not have to sit through a certain portion of a lecture.

Students will be able to work at their own pace on concepts they are unfamiliar with online computer applications.

Accounting majors offer income tax assistance

by Kevin Schultz

Chief Reporter

Each year, April 15 is "D-Day" for most Americans and especially those who do not know how to do their taxes.

The Northwest accounting department has implemented the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

The program is designed to help students and any Maryville resident making under \$40,000 a year file their taxes.

Volunteer members from the accounting department and students majoring in the field will help others learn to do or file taxes in an efficient way.

The service will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. until April 14 in the Union.

"The basic idea is to take the stress off of students and some residents, and it also helps us understand it a little more," volunteer Cathy Pope said.

The experience should benefit the volunteers as well as students and residents.

TRIO programs recognize graduates at ceremony

by Toru Yamauchi

Chief Reporter

The people who proved that financial and academic barriers were able to be torn down were honored Saturday at Northwest's TRIO achiever awards ceremony.

TRIO is originally the three federally funded education programs that teach the basics to help environmentally disadvantaged students. The number of programs has increased to seven.

The University started three TRIO programs: Upward Bound, a program for high school students; Upward Math and Science, for high school students focusing on math and science majors and careers and Student Support Services, for col-

lege students in 1986.

Saturday was the first day Northwest's TRIO programs recognized their graduates. However, the ceremony kicked off National TRIO Week.

Four TRIO graduates, Brad Sullivan, Debby Thomas-Steinman, Peter Heidelberger and Michelle Kellar, were honored for the success they have achieved and what they have contributed to the programs.

Each of those honored graduated from universities. They have also helped recruit new members.

Kellar said she was unaware of the celebration and sees the ceremony as a honor.

"It was a complete and total surprise to me," Kellar said. "I had no prior knowledge (that) I was going to

receive the award. It was certainly a honor."

Kellar joined Student Support Services when she was a Northwest undergraduate.

However, while working on her master's degrees at Northwest in 1995, she was hired as a counselor for Upward Bound and has enjoyed it ever since.

"I just enjoy working with students," Kellar said. "I guess I kind of (want to) help the students before I was helped by students before. I just wanted to give back to students some way."

Recognizing "TRIO Achievers" is just a result of the program's development. It has supported students from financially lower income families that have no college graduates.

"Our goal is just to continue to serve our students the best we can to promote educational opportunities for them," said Kenna Johnson, Upward Bound program director and Student Support Services Learning Services coordinator.

Johnson said the key is to give her students courage to move on to higher education.

"A lot of times, people don't think they can (go on to college) because they don't know what resources are available to them (and) what opportunities they can utilize to achieve those goals," Johnson said. "That's our job to help promote those and make them aware if they have the desires and potentials, we can give them tools to utilize in order to get to the college graduation day."

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Volunteers drive patients to recovery

by **Angela Patton**

Missourian Staff

The journey down the road to recovery for cancer patients is less bumpy thanks to a group of Maryville residents.

The "Road to Recovery" program provides area cancer patients with free transportation to St. Joseph for doctor visits, chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

The American Cancer Society in partnership with the Heartland Health Foundation saw a need for this service and began the program in March of 1993. St. Joseph's program is one of many throughout the nation.

"It's really a godsend for cancer patients," said Clara Person, who used the program when her husband was unable to go with her.

Cancer survivor Joan Carver served as the Maryville "Road to Recovery" coordinator from its beginning until late last year, then

“It has definitely filled a need in the community.”

■ **Della Rhoades,**
"Road to Recovery" contact at St. Francis Hospital

handed the position to Norma Clark. Clark receives calls from the oncology department at Heartland or St. Francis hospitals and then contacts her drivers.

There are approximately 35 Maryville drivers, who are mainly retired individuals serving three of 16 participating counties.

Clark said the Maryville drivers are very committed to the program, and she finds it easy to schedule trips.

"I often hear 'you haven't called for awhile' when I see one of my drivers," Clark said.

Area drivers made 191 trips to St.

Joseph last year. This brought the total number of miles covered to approximately 135,000 since the start of the St. Joseph program.

"It has definitely filled a need in the community," said Della Rhoades, "Road to Recovery" contact at St. Francis Hospital.

Volunteers have insurance protection from the American Red Cross Association and can choose to drive with a partner.

Erman and Bev Bird have been drivers for five years. They are a retired, married couple who both lost their previous spouses to cancer. The

Birds volunteer because they believe it is a valuable program.

"It's one of the nicest things we could do to help people," Bev said.

"There's a definite need for this," Erman added.

Volunteers pick up the patients at their homes or meet them. They travel to the Heartland Cancer Treatment Center in St. Joseph.

Close relationships soon form between the drivers and patients.

"They feel just like family," Bev said.

Drivers can be compensated for mileage, although, most volunteers do not accept the offer.

Training is scheduled annually in St. Joseph and drivers renew their certification every other year.

The next session will be in the spring.

For more information, contact Norma Clark at 582-5305 or the American Cancer Society at 816-233-2558.

Flowers for sale

Society raises funds, hope

by **M.J. Vinson**

Missourian Staff

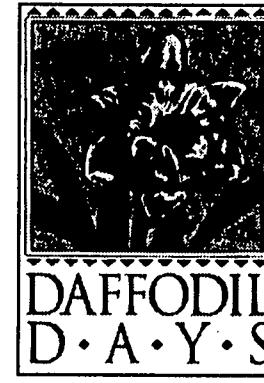
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Area residents winning fights for their lives against cancer

■ **Skidmore fifth-grader**
misses friends, school
because of leukemia

by **Lindsey Corey**

Community News Editor

Eleven-year-old Steven Cureton is a typical fifth-grader. He has six Sony Playstation games, just advanced to Boy Scout status and dreams of going to Disney World.

The only difference — he shreds the snow in "Cool Boarders II" and fights his way to the top of "The Lost World, Jurassic Park" while his friends are in class at Maitland Middle School. His mom, Diane, went to the annual scouting banquet in his place and Disney World may have to wait until he feels better.

Steven advanced to the next level in his battle with leukemia, but he knows this is not a game.

Last November, Steven was becoming so pale and had a reoccurring fever, that his mother thought it was time to see a doctor.

Their doctor sent them straight to the hospital where a bone marrow test revealed Steven had acute lymphatic leukemia.

"It was scary, but I'm glad we didn't wait any longer," Diane said.

Steven faced his first chemotherapy treatment the following day. Before the treatment, 50 percent of Steven's cells were cancerous. The chemotherapy decreased the cancerous cells to 2 percent and the next week, there were none. Steven was in remission, but the battle had just begun.

Treatment consisted of chemotherapy three times a week, twice in St. Joseph and once in Kansas City, for the first month. The second month consisted of weekly chemotherapy through the spine.

Even though he has been lucky enough to only be hospitalized for treatment, Steven has come to know the doctors and nurses well.

"One day, I was complaining that

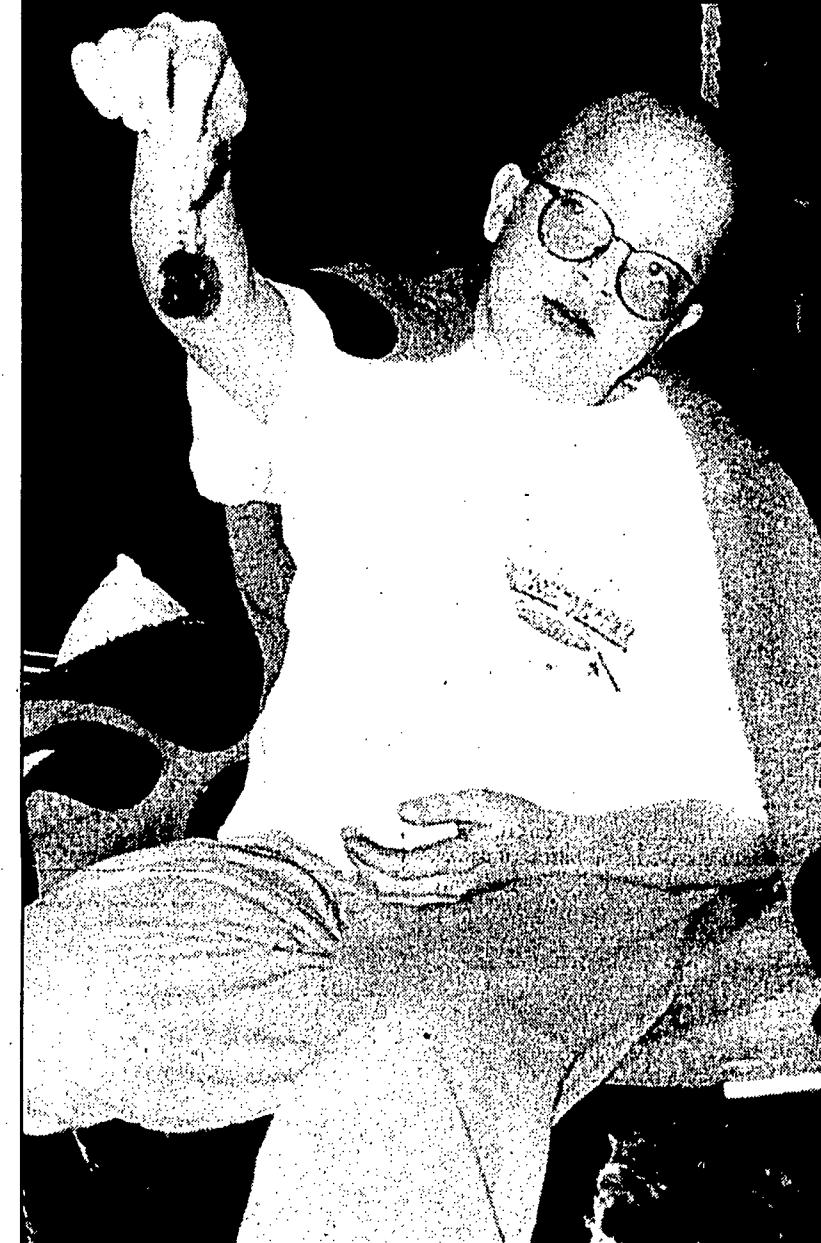
Nurse Jennifer kept coming in and taking blood and putting blood back in like a vampire," Steven said. "The next time she came in with vampire teeth."

Armed with a chemistry set, Steven now talks about being a doctor to himself one day.

"When I grow up, I either want to be a doctor or work at a zoo with animals," he said.

Steven is well on his way. Even though he has missed at least a month of school since the diagnosis, his grades are still as high as when he had perfect attendance.

"As soon as his (white cell and



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Steven Cureton holds up his medal for bravery. His mother, Diane, accepted the pin on his behalf at the Boy Scouts Pack 68 annual banquet. Steven was recognized for his courage after being diagnosed with leukemia in November. He was also promoted from Weebie to Boy Scout status.

hemoglobin) counts go up, I'm kicking him out, cute face and all," Diane said.

His mother picks up his homework two times a week when Steven has to miss school because of treatments or fatigue.

"I miss seeing my friends the most," he said.

Steven will continue a treatment program for three to three and a half years before he can be considered cured. The next two months will be interim maintenance. Steven's treatment will consist of oral medication and spinal chemotherapy once a month.

After the two month period, regular chemotherapy will start again. If all goes well, Steven will be on the

maintenance schedule for the next few years.

Community members, classmates and even complete strangers have helped pave Steven's road to recovery.

His rural Skidmore home is filled with cards, some are even from fifth-graders at Washington Middle School in Maryville.

Steven's classmates and volunteers sponsored a soup supper last month to help defray medical costs. The event raised over \$2,000.

"People around here have been marvelous," Diane said. "It's wonderful."

In addition to the soup supper, a fund has been set up for Steven at First Bank CBC in Maryville.

■ **Maryville woman** battles illness, stays positive despite negative odds

by **Christy Chesnut**

Contributing Writer

For Marcia Nelsen, cancer is not a dreaded word, a destroyer of life or an impossible obstacle. It is merely a challenge that inspires her to be strong, trust in God and help others along the way.

"I don't live with cancer — I'm living through cancer to the other side," Nelsen said.

Nelsen, who has lived in Nodaway County her entire life, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989 after she found a lump in her left breast. The first doctor she saw told her she was too young, at age 38, to have the disease.

After waiting six months, she finally decided to seek another physician's opinion because the lump began to sting. The second doctor immediately set Nelsen up with a surgeon for a mastectomy and later an oncologist for chemotherapy.

"When I was first diagnosed, my doctor said to use my faith," Nelsen said. "From that point on, I chose to turn to God and seek his healing powers. And that has made all the difference in my attitude, hope and outlook."

During her seven long months of chemotherapy, Nelsen, a wife and mother of two, went through hard times. She had always been a believer and active in her church, but her faith increased when this occurred and prayer became a very important practice in her life.

"I knew I was going to beat it," Nelsen said. "There was a goal to get to — only seven treatments. They were pretty rough, especially the loss of my hair. I didn't look at myself, because it was depressing. It's a chunk out of your life, but because of my faith, it was tolerable."

Nelsen celebrated when she hit her five-year mark of being cancer-free and was relieved that the doctors were certain the cancer was gone from her body.

"I enjoyed each and every day and lived life to the max, knowing what I'd gone through and thanking God every day," Nelsen said.

Nelsen's recent cure made it possible for her to reach out to others who were going through similar difficulties. She joined the local American Cancer Society, where she was secretary for two years, and helped start a breast cancer support group. Nelsen also trained for "Reach to Recovery", a small group of women that speak to others diagnosed with breast cancer.

However, Nelsen was never able to participate in "Reach to Recovery" because in 1995, after seven years

of remission, she was shocked by the news of a recurrence. In the fall of 1995, Nelsen began feeling lower back pain. A bone scan later revealed the cancer spread to her bones.

"I was shocked, but I wasn't devastated," Nelsen said. "I'm a fighter, and even though the doctors said there isn't a cure, I believe in miracles."

Soon after receiving the disturbing news, Nelsen once again began focusing her energies on things other than worrying about the cancer. She immediately started to draft inspirational writings to encourage those who were praying for her. In addition, she began delivering speeches for local churches and organizations.

Nelsen's writings soon became inspirations for others as she began passing and mailing them to friends, relatives and other cancer patients. She hopes through her 60 passages to give encouragement to others.

"I have no idea how many lives I've touched, but I hear that it is happening and that makes me feel satisfied," Nelsen said. "God has been my inspiration, and I give him all the credit for my writings."

Nelsen truly believes that God is using her as a messenger to help others in similar situations who may not know where to turn.

"I am a witness for God," she said. "I want others to know what has helped me through my trials. This is a testimony, and I wouldn't have testimony without a test."

As an eternal optimist, Nelsen said it is important for her to be around other positive people during this time in her life. She believes she is fortunate that her husband, Bob, is very optimistic, and she is thankful for everyone who supports her.

"My friends and family have been caring, compassionate and supportive," Nelsen said. "I owe a great deal of my strength to their prayers. I find that blessings continually flow in my life through cards, telephone calls and other acts of kindness."

While Nelsen knows she is facing a serious illness, she does not see it as an end by any means. She sees herself as a healthy woman in the future, although she does not live for the future or dwell in the past.

"This is a challenge, but I am meeting that challenge with the help of God, and I am a winner anyway you look at it," she said. "I'm either healed or I go to heaven."

Hopkins community seeks blood donations in March

The Hopkins Community Blood Drive will be Thursday, March 19 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkins Community Center.

Blood donations will be accepted from those over 17 years old who weigh at least 110 pounds.

For more information contact Ruthie Owens at 660-778-3775.

St. Joseph cancer center plans move to new facility

The Heartland Cancer Treatment Center in St. Joseph will soon move into a new facility located on the east campus of Heartland Hospital.

The new, larger center is scheduled to open by May 16.

Half of the new facility will be devoted to radiation treatment and the other area to chemotherapy.



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Proceeds from the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days campaign will benefit local patients by funding support services, education and cancer research.

"Through the support of local residents, (the American Cancer Society)

Public Safety

February 18

■ Jennifer A. Chambers, Rea, was stopped at a stop sign on South Walnut Street. She then proceeded into the intersection and struck Kelly K. Coffee, Platteville, Neb., who was traveling east on Fourth Street. At impact, both vehicles travelled south and then split apart. Coffee's vehicle slid south and struck Scott M. Rutherford, Grain Valley, who was stopped at a stop sign on North Walnut Street. Chambers went over the curb and went through grass and a sidewalk before coming to rest. Chambers received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Holly R. Wilmes, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on North Main Street and was struck in the rear by Jeremiah R. Parkhurst, Maitland. Parkhurst was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Kevin G. Gray, Clarinda, Iowa and Jilisa J. McIntyre, Maryville, were stopped in traffic when Nicholas E. Townsend, Maryville, struck Gray's vehicle which in turn caused him to hit McIntyre's vehicle. Townsend was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 19

■ A Maryville male reported that he observed three subjects breaking into his vehicle while parked in the 700 block of North Mulberry Street. The suspects left the area and an investigation revealed four vehicles had been broken into.

■ While at a local business assisting liquor control, an officer was advised of a male subject who had attempted to buy alcohol with a fake ID. Contact was made and the subject gave his name and date of birth. When the officer advised that he was under arrest, the subject took off running. The officer was able to catch the subject and identify him as Daniel A. Wiemer, 18, Maryville. During the arrest process, it was discovered he had attempted to take a bottle of alcohol without paying for it. He was issued a summons for misrepresentation of age to obtain intoxicants, resisting arrest by fleeing, providing false information to an officer, larceny and minor in possession. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 1100 block of North Walnut Street, the small driver's side window was

broken. She did not find anything missing.

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 600 block of East Third Street.

■ An officer assisting liquor control issued summons to the following: Amy N. Holaves, 18, Maryville; James W. Kennedy, 18, Maryville; Brandi R. Hughes, 18, St. Joseph; and Eric C. Testerman, 18, Platte City.

February 20

■ Nathaniel S. Ruden, 21, Parkville, was arrested in Riverside on a warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to Maryville where he is being held.

February 21

■ An officer took a report that a glass door of a building in the 200 block of West Second Street had been broken by a beer bottle. No entry had been gained.

■ Officers issued a summons to Linda L. Scott, 43, Maryville, for permitting a peace disturbance after receiving complaints of loud music in the 400 block of West 12th Street.

■ A 1986 Nissan was towed from the 1200 block of East Halsey Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Shauna G. Wattman, Maryville, backed from a parking space and struck Rosemary R. Stiens, Conception Junction, and then left the scene. Wattman was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

February 22

■ Officers responded to the 800 block of East Fourth Street on a complaint of loud music. Contact was made with the Jeremy L. Zeigel, 27, Maryville, who was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

■ Rene L. Najera, Maryville, turned in front of Melissa A. Robnett, Maryville, at an intersection on East Third Street. Najera received a citation for failure to yield.

■ Michelle D. Couchman, Maryville, had her vehicle struck while it was parked by a hit and run driver on the 200 block of South Laura Street.

■ Dewayne W. Browning, Cassville, had his vehicle struck by a hit and run driver in the Northridge Apartment parking lot.

New Arrivals

Madison Mae Cabbage

Steve and Renay Cabbage, New Market, Iowa, are the parents of Madison Mae, born Feb. 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and joins two brothers.

Grandparents are Fred and Sandy Lamer, Maryville; George and Ellen Dumont, Seconk, Mass.; Ladonna Cabbage, New Market, Iowa, and Thaine Cabbage, Clarinda, Iowa.

Ambrows Moreland III

Ambrows and Brandi Moreland, Maryville, are the parents of Ambrows III, born Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are James and Joan Mathews, and Ambrows Sr. and Eudora Moreland, all of Lufkin, Texas.

Jacob Anthony Partridge

Jeff and Jennifer Partridge,

Maryville, are the parents of Jacob Anthony, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Richard and Marguerite Conley; and Jack and Jo Ann Partridge, all of Maryville.

Abigail Nicole Van de Ven

Kevin and Kathy Van de Ven, are the parents of Abigail Nicole, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins two sisters.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Seier; Mr. and Mrs. David Erbacher; and Mr. and Mrs. McElvin Van de Ven, all of Cape Girardeau.

P.J. Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter, Maryville, are the parents of P.J., born Feb. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins one sister.

Grandparents are Gerald Dean

Porter, Maryville; and Mary Ann McGary, Clyde.

Kirk Blaine Murphy

Rodney Murphy and Carrie Tegarden, Tarkio, are the parents of Kirk Blaine, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Jack and Dawn Miller, Maryville; and Michael R. and Mildred Murphy, Barnard.

Christopher Allen Roush

Lenny and Kimberly Roush, Worth, are the parents of Christopher Allen, born Feb. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Connie and Mike Holcomb, Albany; and Leonard and Esther Roush, Worth.

Dreven Seth Wayne Kern

Clinton Kern and Faith Sanders, Bethany, are the parents of Dreven

Seth Wayne, born Feb. 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Paula Sanders, Patrick Woodford; and Sherrie Kern, all of Bethany.

Trevor Allen Cain

Brian and Amy Cain, Maryville, are the parents of Trevor Allen, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Grandparents are LeAnn Horroun, Maryville; Richard Stringer, Hopkins; and Allen and Mary Cain, Oregon.

Koby Charles Reynolds

Leila R. Bratton and Brandon J. Reynolds, Maryville, are the parents of Koby Charles, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Joseph C. Reynolds, Maryville; Denise D. Reynolds, Overland Park, Kan.; and Carolyn Bratton, Porterville, Calif.

Obituaries

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been solved back in 1991.

"I think (Hussein) made the past agreement for the same reason, because he knows he is overpowered, and he wanted to get out of trouble," Vidacak said.

Protests attributing to the war grew over the weekend Clinton's threat to bomb Iraq unless Hussein agreed to open his palace. Observers said that bombing Iraq would only increase the tension between the United Nations and Iraq.

Vidacak questioned that the United States also has weapons of this nature, and if we can have them, Hussein's military should be able to as well.

"America is nothing but a hypo-

rite, because we have the same kind of weapons," Vidacak said. "They may not be biological, but we definitely have chemical and nuclear ones."

Many in the Kuwait region said the United States is more or less trigger happy right now. They believe there is no reason to fight over an argument of this insignificant.

Iraq did not let weapons inspectors into the country last October and after continuous attempts to enter the palace, they were told to leave.

War in 1991 was appreciated more by the United States and Kuwait because of the unavoidable nature of the situation, but now with new circumstances, the Clinton Administration is being questioned.

One local member of the Army, willing to fight for his country if the occasion were to arise, is relieved by

the terms of the agreement and thinks it is a better way to go about it, considering the options.

"If we go to war, we will not have the support that we had the first time," Reserve Mark Blain from Maryville said. "Plus, we did not finish the job the first time."

Hussein is looked upon as a nuisance who does not conform to United Nations standards. If he does not behave, local members of the Army are not about to let him or his military threaten the lives of innocent people across the world.

"I think that (Hussein) is holding back, and if the country goes to war, I think he will pull out all of the stops," Blain said.

Blain went on to say that if Hussein keeps taunting the United Nations and continues toying with them, war may become necessary.

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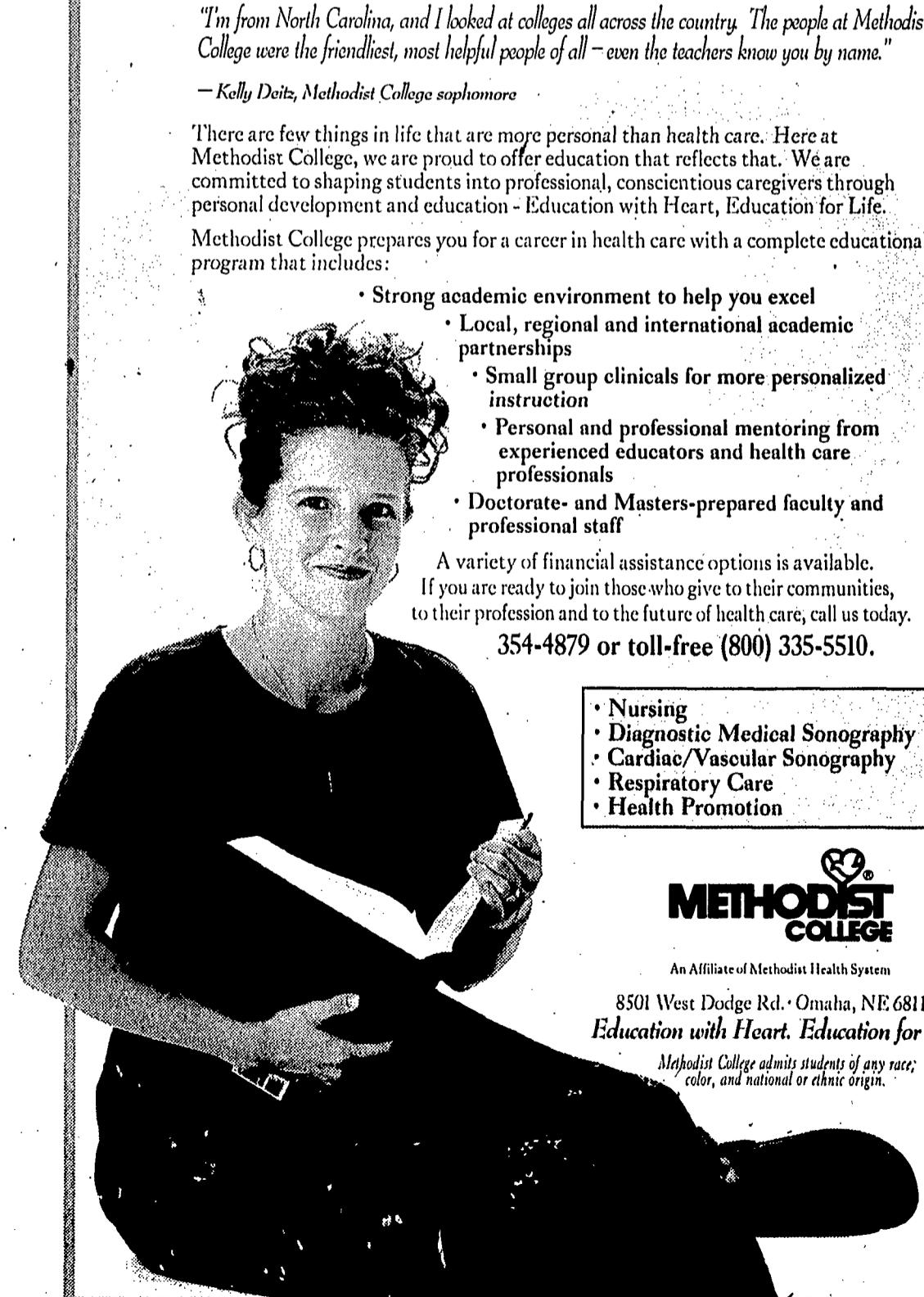
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On the Sideline

Martin ruling bad for golf, unfair to others

If you read last week's sports column you were probably wondering who the heartless, uncouth colleague was who said Casey Martin should play in the Special Olympics.

Well he is I, and I am him. I will not lower myself to potshots in this column.

What I said sounded like a joke or a cheap shot at Martin, but I was serious. I really do not know if the Special Olympics offers golf as an event, but I do know it is for people who have dreams they cannot live up to because of a mental or physical handicap.

I understand the Special Olympics. My mother is a big supporter and when I was younger I attended many events.

The problem I face is Martin's court ruling was very unjust, changing the entire sport for one man. Other sports do not do this.

Do not get me wrong, I feel for Martin. I'm sorry that his condition hinders his walking and it's not his fault, I'm sure he would love to walk the course without any pain, but he can't. That is what professional sports are about. Very few people grow up to become professional athletes, because many are not blessed with the right tools. This is how I see Martin, like a guy who was not big enough or strong enough to make it.

Martin is not the only professional athlete who has to deal with a handicap. Jim Abbott, the journeyman major league pitcher who pitches every game with only one fully developed hand. He has developed a way around his handicap, by practicing a technique to throw and catch using the same hand.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, guard for the Sacramento Kings suffers from Tourette's syndrome which makes his muscles involuntarily flinch and twitch. He not only overcame his illness to play a sport much more physically demanding than golf, but he is a starter.

These players have worked through their handicaps, in more physical sports. They do not ask for special treatment or rules — they just play to the best of their ability.

The point — sports are about competition on a level playing field and overcoming odds. It's a fact of life, many people do not have what it takes to be a professional athlete. My colleague said "If Martin could have traded his weak, diseased leg for a normal, healthy one, I'm sure he would have done it long ago."

Well, if I could trade my weak, short body for a 6-foot-8-inch strong frame, I would have too.

The lesson Martin needs to learn that we all do not have the right makeup to be a professional athlete, but some people still achieve their dream through hard work and dedication — not the legal system.

JP Farris is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

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'Cats roll over Rolla, Gorillas set to invade

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats play Pittsburg State University tonight in the semifinals of the MIAA conference tournament at Bearcat Arena after ending the University of Missouri-Rolla's season with a 79-67 first round win.

Pitt State defeated Central Missouri State University, 85-67, Tuesday, to advance to play Northwest.

In their only meeting this season, the 'Cats beat the Gorillas 76-70, Feb. 11 at Bearcat Arena. Missouri Western State College and Washburn University will meet in the other semifinal. The winners will meet in Saturday's title game.

After splitting their first two meetings against the Miners, Northwest used a 45-28 second half spurt to end the 'Cats' two-game losing streak.

"We got fired up at halftime," senior forward Brian Burleson said. "It was a do or die situation and we had to take it upon ourselves to pick it up. They beat us before — our first loss in conference (Jan. 5, 69-66). We

knew they were coming in kind of hungry."

Unfortunately, the first half was not as promising.

Turnovers plagued the 'Cats' first half and it did not satisfy head coach Steve Tappmeyer.

"We were a step slow all night," Tappmeyer said. "I felt like it was a carryover from (the 75-65 loss to Western) Saturday. It was a frustrating ballgame. I thought we really needed to play sharp and flush the bad feeling of not playing well Saturday out of our system."

Northwest was led by a balanced attack paced by Burleson's 15 points, junior LeVant Williams' 14 points and sophomore Phil Simpson's 12 points. Senior Shakey Harrington dazzled with a double-double featuring 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Although, the real surprise was junior center Leonard Fields. Fields, who averages 6.9 minutes per conference game, had seven points and six rebounds. In the 13-straight second half minutes that Fields played, he sparked the 'Cats to a 31-15 run.

"In the second half, Leonard Fields really gave us a lift," Tappmeyer said. "He's a player that hasn't played a lot of minutes, but he gave us some energy and we may need to look deeper onto our bench for a couple more (players)."

The 'Cats had to settle for a tie for the conference championship with Western after losing to them.

The 'Cats were tired after facing the toughest part of their season coming in the second half of the conference season, Tappmeyer said.

"We're on a streak of awfully tough ball games, (Missouri) Southern (State College) down there, Pittsburg, (and) Central (Missouri State University) down there, Washburn on the road and then coming in here Saturday," he said.

The Bearcats' play was indicative of their fatigue and lack of concentration, Tappmeyer said.

"They came out and had great intensity, and it seemed we were a step behind," Tappmeyer said. "They beat us on dribble penetration and freed up some shooters."



Darren Papek/Photography Director
Senior forward Brian Burleson drives to the hoop in the 'Cats' 75-65 loss to Missouri Western State College Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

SBU knocks women out of MIAA

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

It was a do or die situation when the women's basketball team took the floor Monday night against Southwest Baptist. With the final whistle came the end of the game and what could be the end of the 'Cats' season.

Northwest was eliminated from the MIAA postseason tournament but still has a chance to receive an at-large bid for the NCAA Division II Tournament. The 'Cats will find out if they will go on at 6:30 p.m. Sunday when the selection committee releases the tournament field.

A 92-75 loss could be the final page in a long year where the Bearcats overcame injuries and diversity to put together a season of highs and lows.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the lowest part came at the end of the year when they dropped their final four contests and fell to an 18-9 overall record.

"This was a great women's basketball game," head coach Wayne Winstead said. "It was very intense and there was a lot of banging under the boards. But once again, I think the difference for us was that we just ran out of gas."

The lack of bench play on Northwest's sideline seemed to be the one obstacle the women could not overcome. In the game against Southwest Baptist, the bench was outscored 30-5. Injuries and a player quitting put restrictions on Winstead's substituting options. This also made his starters work extremely hard.

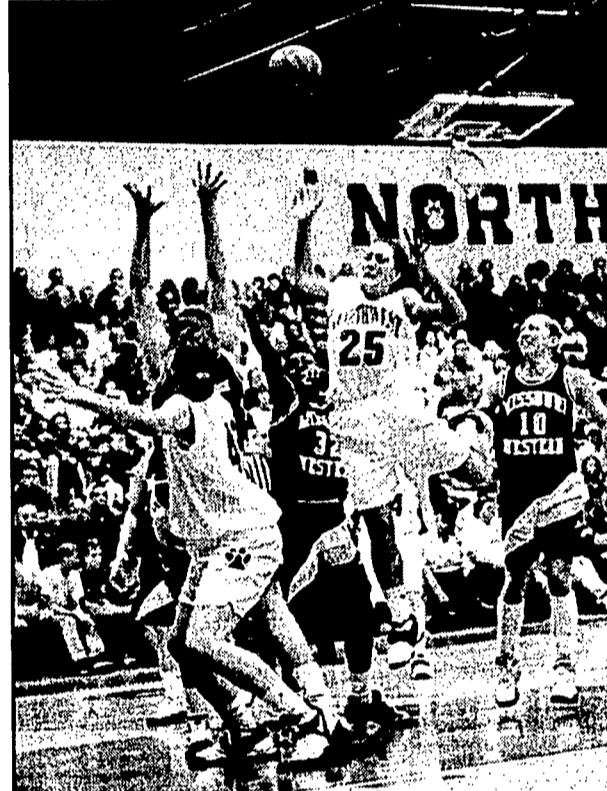
The season was not without its milestone achievements. Senior guard Pam Cummings broke every assist record at Northwest and owns every MIAA assist record as well. Also senior forward Annie Coy moved into ninth in the conference in scoring.

"These girls are a very special group, especially the seniors," Winstead said. "They played hard no matter what and this whole group did very well."

Now, the Bearcats can only sit and wait and hope for

"During my career here at Northwest, I have never coached a group who was on top of the game for the full 40 minutes like these girls."

■ Wayne Winstead
women's head coach



Darren Papek/Photography Director
Senior guard Pam Cummings (No. 25) goes up for a rebound while teammate Denise Sump looks on.

a bid to come from the NCAA.

"Regardless of what happens, we had a great season," Winstead said. "People who aren't as close to this team as I am can't see what goes on inside. During my career here at Northwest, I have never coached a group who was on top of the game for the full 40 minutes like these girls. They are special."

As for next year, Winstead is very optimistic. He said the team already has several verbal commitments to sign and is very close to getting three others.

"With the people we have returning we should be fine," Winstead said. "Also, we have a lot of talent that we are expecting to come in. We should be able to replace most of what we lose but the point guard position will be very critical. And we are excited about the possibilities."

Track athletes vie for conference title

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The men's and women's indoor track teams broke records, met goals and finished high as they competed at the NIAC Championships last weekend.

Junior Brandy Haan, who broke the school record in the 55-meter dash for the second week in a row, placed first in that event and second in the 200-meter dash, led the women's team along with senior Julie Humphreys.

Humphreys finished first in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

Junior Amber Martin also had a record-breaking weekend, knocking down Renata Eustice's 1995 record in the 1,000-meter run, while placing second in the event.

The women placed in 14 of the 18 events they entered against mostly NAIA competition.

The team is preparing for the

MIAA championship, Sunday and Monday in Warrensburg. The women were picked to finish first in the MIAA Coaches Indoor Pre-Meet poll, followed by Emporia State.

The men's team had a successful weekend at the NIAC championships bringing home personal bests in nearly every event and two provisional qualifications in the high jump.

Senior Chad Sutton, junior Jason Yoo and freshman Frank Taylor led the 'Cats at the meet. Sutton and Taylor placed second and third in the high jump respectively.

Both provisionally qualified for nationals in the event, and Yoo finished second in the 600-yard run.

The men's performance at the meet helped to prepare them for the upcoming MIAA conference meet where goals are high.

The men were ranked fifth in the pre-meet poll.

Athletic Shorts

Baseball season begins in Texas

The baseball team played its first regular season games last weekend at Abilene Christian University in Texas. The men faced off in doubleheaders both Friday and Saturday, losing three of the games, 7-1, 8-0, 9-2. The second game on Saturday was rained out.

Rain also stopped the 'Cats from playing as they travelled to take on Tarleton State College in Stephenville, Texas, in another doubleheader Sunday.

Up next for the men are two doubleheaders this weekend against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Saturday's games will begin at 1 p.m. at Bearcat Field. The teams will face off Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on UNO's home field.

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State tourney runs roughshod over 'Hounds



Maryville senior Mark Anderson (above) struggles to gain the advantage on his opponent during the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Columbia last weekend. Head coach Joe Drake (right) consoles Anderson after his loss in his final match. Despite the loss, Anderson claimed the Spoofhounds' best finish, capturing fourth-place honors in the competition. Four other 'Hound wrestlers made it to state, but did not place.

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Fourth place in the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament in Columbia is "good enough" for Mark Anderson, a Maryville high school senior.

Anderson led Maryville's contingent. He ended up finishing in fourth place in his weight division.

The tournament started last Thursday and continued through Saturday. Five Spoofhound wrestlers competed at the 1A-2A level. Prior to the match, Anderson's goal was to beat his placing from last year, which was sixth.

"I'll be happy as long as I can do better than I did last year," Anderson said. "I hope to finish with a medal and hope to get third in the state."

Anderson travelled to state competition each of his four years of high school. He said he was a lot calmer than he had normally been in the past. This may have been one of the reasons he was wrestling better compared to previous years.

"I look back at seventh and eighth grade and back then I did not win at

all," he said. "I am kind of used to the pressure now, and I think that helped me a lot."

Anderson started the competition by defeating Colby Knox from Adrian, 16-5, but was defeated by Brendon Fox from Higginsville, 12-6, in the next round.

After finding that first and second place were out of reach, Anderson decided to give third place his best try.

He went three rounds undefeated but came up just short of third place. He started by defeating Andy Laupp from Herculaneum, 15-6.

Continuing on his trek, Anderson also beat Lloyd McIntosh from Maplewood, 4-3, and Buddy Nolan from Mid-Buchanan.

Anderson lost to Matt Defries from Lawson in the fight for third and was pinned in the second round of the match. Having beaten Defries in the past, Anderson was not entirely pleased with the match.

"I was kind of disappointed because I have beat him before," he said. "I was pretty satisfied with the match, I just would have like to have won."

Four other wrestlers also made the trip to Columbia competing with the

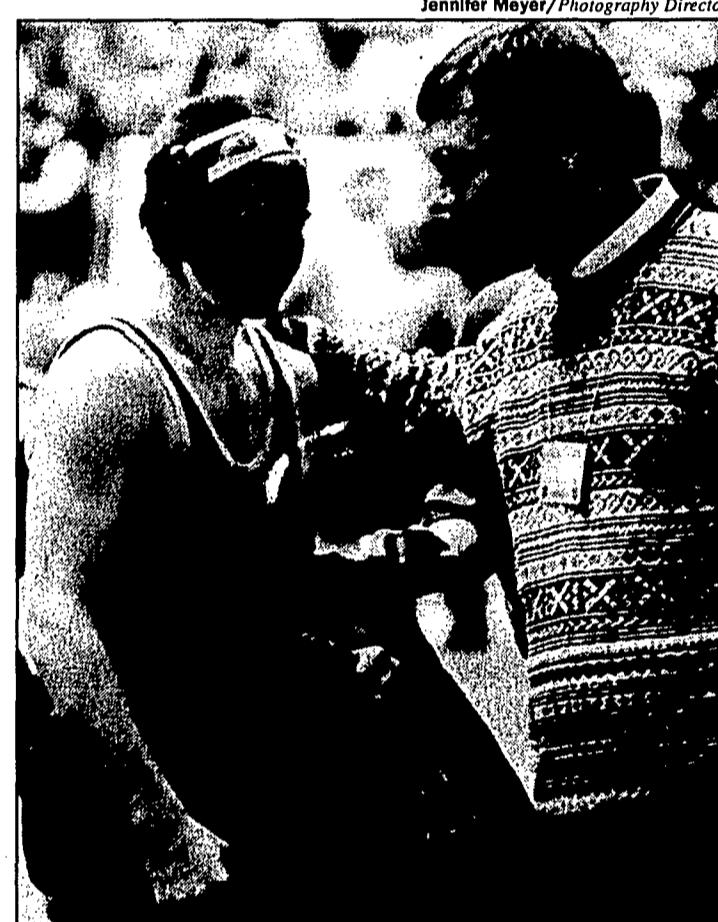
best in Missouri and representing the Spoofhounds.

Junior D.J. Merrill also went to the state tournament, but was unable to place after losing to Ryan Faintich from Country Day. Merrill went on to grab third place but lost again to Ryan Pomajzl from Boonville, 13-2.

Senior Ryan Costillo came out on fire, beating Troy King from Odessa, 14-5. He was defeated in his second match by Evan Cobb from Maplewood Richmond, 15-9. Costillo, unsuccessfully battled Aaron Avery from Knob Noster. He lost the match, 12-9.

Senior Jeremy Lliteras also was fired up and ready to represent the 'Hounds at state. He won his first match against Garret Robertson from South Harris, 14-7. He then went on to battle Aaron Tolten from Oak Grove and was defeated by a fall. Lliteras tried for third against Tom Ford from Maplewood Richmond, but took another fall and lost the match.

Senior Adam Chadwick, also lost his first match to Seth Shippy by a fall. He then moved on to wrestle James Drury from Versailles. Chadwick lost to Drury, 11-4.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Maryville girls falter in districts, season ends with disappointment

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

A state title is the ultimate goal for any team, but the Maryville girls' basketball team will have to wait until next year.

In the district tournament, the team did not pull together like it had hoped. The Spoofhounds played Benton Tuesday at Lafayette and lost, 34-31.

The team, hoping to grasp a win, struggled with its offense and senior Allison Jonagan said turnovers caused a major decline in the team's performance.

The team hoped this would be its year to go all the way. Head coach

Jeff Martin said the team has improved over the years and gave its best effort.

"We played pretty well defensively, but struggled with our offense," Martin said.

The season has not gone to waste, Martin said. The team has been more successful than it has been in the past, going 17-8.

"This is the best the team has done in 10 years," Martin said. "We feel we had a pretty good season, but it just did not turn out the way we hoped."

With the loss, the team will not be able to advance to state competition, ending the 'Hounds' season. The team should be more successful next

year, Martin said.

"We have a lot of good players returning, and they will take it upon themselves to win," Martin said.

This is Jonagan's last year of high school basketball, and she said if the team keeps improving like it has, they will succeed more in upcoming seasons.

Jonagan said Benton pressed really hard and if the Spoofhounds can get that tactic under control, they will do better.

The 'Hounds played Lafayette last Friday and won 60-54 in overtime.

Winning the last game of the regular season gave the team the confidence it wanted going into the district tournament.

Spoofhound boys advance

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The Maryville Spoofhounds will continue to the second round of the district tournament Thursday.

The 'Hounds will battle Cameron following their trouncing of Trenton Tuesday, 68-24.

Although the Dragons are their opponent, the 'Hounds wanted to focus on improving.

"We're not going to put a lot of emphasis on who we're playing next," head coach Mike Kuitzky said. "We just want to improve our game."

Most of the team was hoping to face Cameron, and they would not mind getting another chance at Chillicothe either.

"(Cameron) will be good compe-

tition," senior Craig Archer said. "It will be fun to play them. We've got to play Cameron first, but we'd like to see Chillicothe in the finals."

The 'Hounds had no trouble beating Trenton in the first round of the district tournament.

Every member of the team got the chance to play.

"It was good to get that one down and move ahead to the semifinals," Kuitzky said. "Another positive was that we got to play a lot of kids."

The 'Hounds put the game away early, jumping out to a 9-0 lead with 4:30 left in the first quarter.

By the end of the quarter, Maryville was ahead 19-0. The Bulldogs did not get on the scoreboard until there was 6:33 left in the half. Maryville led 40-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the

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It's the 7th-inning stretch. It's time to listen to Harry Caray sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

It had been the same way since 1982, but tradition will fade into memory now, much like the Cubs' dreams of a World Series title always seem to do.

The great Hall of Fame broadcaster died last week at age 77. Chicago Cubs baseball will never quite be the same.

Caray had been in the broadcast booth since 1945, spending hours in the booth calling games for the Cardinals, A's and White Sox before joining his beloved Cubs.

Still, Caray was different from the rest. It was never just his thick glasses or rough voice; it was the enjoyment and insight he brought to those fortunate enough to listen to him call a baseball game.

In the broadcasting world, catch phrases can make or break a career, and Caray had plenty. "It might be, it could be, it is — a home run!" he yelled, or "Cubs win! Cubs win! Cubs win!" after victories.

Baseball lost one of its great ambassadors. In a time when more fans are turning away from ticket windows, Caray understood what it took to make fans flock to the park.

Perhaps his biggest accomplishment was getting fans to tune into Cubs games. A perennial loser, the Cubs lost their best player last Thursday, not to mention their biggest attraction — a 77-year-old broadcaster with a great singing voice.

"Holy cow!"

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.



■ Scott Summers

Employee of the Month

This month we have singled out Colin McDonough, managing editor, as our Employee of the Month.

As managing editor, Colin is responsible for running practicum class, designing pages and maintaining unity among the editorial board.

Colin's hard work and dedication can be seen daily. He always has time to help his fellow employees and is always talking about the Iowa State Cyclones. His positive attitude is an inspiration to his co-workers.

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Raising awareness for disorders

by Ashley Gerken
Missourian Staff

St. Gregory's Catholic Church invited community members to participate in an event to prevent eating disorders through the idea of boosting self-image.

Raising awareness for eating disorders in the community was the main goal for Marcie Sherman, a counselor at Northwest, when she helped plan the workshop "Beyond Ken and Barbie" last Saturday.

"The event on Saturday was a success, and we had a lot more participation from the community than we expected," Sherman said. "It shows that there is a need for these types of programs and eating disorders are topic of concern for many."

The event was targeted at parents of preteen, teens and young adults and was hosted by local pediatrician Susan Watson.

"Issues that Adolescents Face Growing up Today" was presented by Bren Manauga, YMCA Outreach Coordinator.

"I have a commitment to young people, and youngsters have a lot of cultural pulls out there," Manauga said. "Advertising aimed at young people are a primary culprit on the self-esteem of today's teens. The desire to look like models who weigh 30 percent less than the average population has played a part in the increase of eating disorders."

Disturbing trends in recent years show that one out of every 100 women suffer from anorexia and one out of every seven suffer from bulimia.

Sandra Lamer, a counselor at Lamer Counseling Services, closed the presentations with a speech on the cause, symptoms and treatments of eating disorders.

"The cause of eating disorders is often hard to pinpoint and varies between cases," Lamer said. "Low self-esteem, a feeling of guilt and a need for power and control are all causes."

"It is hard for society to understand eating disorders and the mentality behind it. When a healthy person is hungry they eat. When someone suffering from an eating disorder is hungry they will fight off the hunger and feel satisfaction from not eating."

Counselors teach health awareness

by Aya Takahashi
Missourian Staff

The counseling center sponsored a National Eating Disorder Screening Program Tuesday to educate students about their health and body at the Student Union.

The National Eating Disorders Screening Program is a screening and educational program geared toward young adults. Those who attended learned about eating disorders, took a written screening test, reviewed the results with a clinician and received a referral for a follow-up evaluation, if necessary.

"We are glad that we did it," Northwest counselor Marcie Sherman said. "It's a national program, and we wanted to participate in this program because we heard of people or friends having eating disorders here."

People can develop eating disorders at any stage in their lives so it is important to inform people of all ages of the disease.

"It could be anywhere from something happening in their life such as childhoods, gaining or losing weight, going on a diet or stress," nursing coordinator Joyce Bottorff said.

Stress sometimes make people have eating disorders because they can not control their stress except through eating.

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Black history month

by Ashley Gerken

Northwest working alongside of the Alliance for Black Collegiates acknowledges

February as Black History Month and offers many opportunities to experience African American culture.

Black History month was first introduced by a noted black scholar and historian named Carter G. Woodson, who has been quoted as, "The father of Black History."

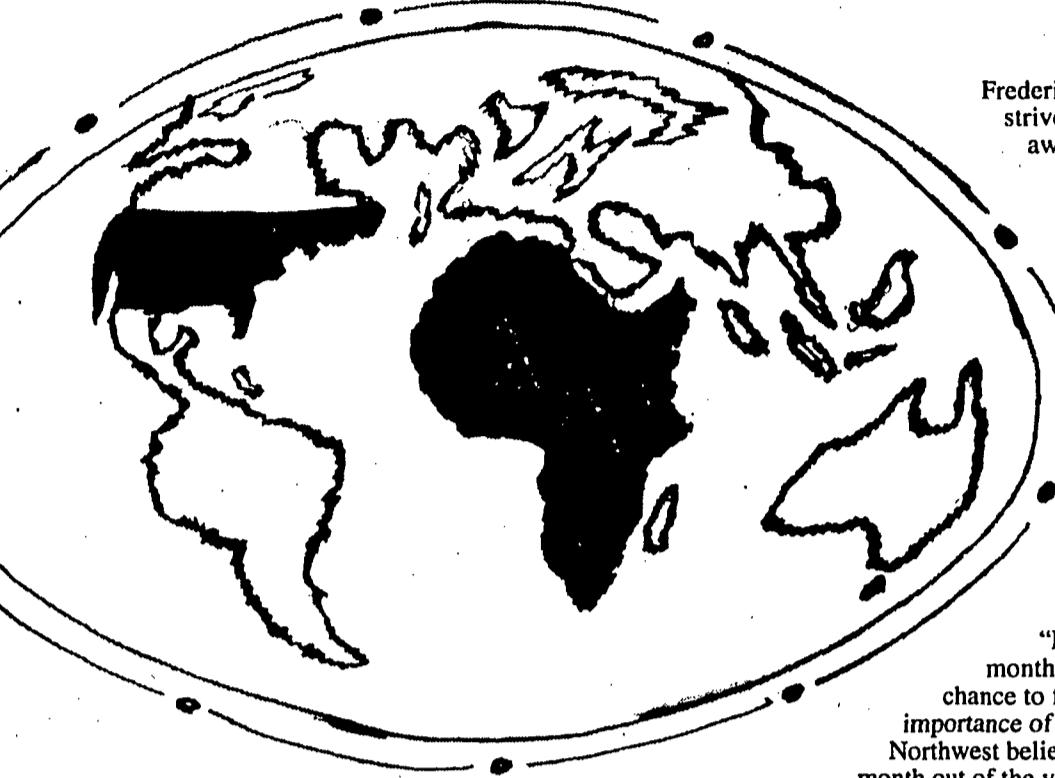
He founded the association for the study of Negro life and started black history week which in the '60s was turned into a month-long celebration.

Black History Month festivities at Northwest started out with a Hall of Fame Feb. 2. It was a collaboration of resources from office to personal items relating to African American culture.

The exhibit featured some of the major African American figures from history up to the present day. These are figures that have contributed to black awareness or have been strong leaders for our country.

The ABC sponsored a career day. They invited companies and individuals to come and talk to black students about careers and give them specific contacts they can make when entering the hunt for a job.

Gospel singer and Northwest alumna Kenny Ray performed a concert Feb. 12. The concert included a gospel choir, the men of Phi Mu Alpha, members of



Celebration and a group of jazz dancers.

An annual event for the Alliance for Black Collegiates took place on Feb. 16 and 17. It involved trips to the elementary schools in Maryville.

The members talked to the students about prominent black people from history and their impact on American culture.

"These visits are positive and get a great response from everyone involved," said ABC president Kimberly Merrill.

One of the most prominent guest speakers of the month was Bertice Berry, host of "USA Live." She spoke Monday at the Charles Johnson Theater and admission was free.

The month's festivities were concluded Wednesday at 5 p.m. with the "Missouri Black Archives

Tour" in the Union Ballroom.

This event was funded by the Missouri State Lottery and was free of charge. It involved an interactive lecture and slide show with Angela DeSilva, a Black History Expert, an open forum and an African-American soul food buffet. The ABC was hoping the event would be supported by the student body.

Like many of the other celebrations throughout the month, DeSilva was not the exception.

Attendance was the lowest at this event at which dinner was catered by ARAMark. DeSilva spoke mainly about the preservation of black archives and black history.

February is the month chosen to celebrate Black History month because of the birthday of

Frederick Douglas who strived for black awareness.

"Black History is an important part of our country's history that isn't always emphasized in the schools," said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs.

"Black History month gives schools a chance to focus in on the importance of it all."

Northwest believes that one month out of the year is not enough time to dedicate to multiculturalism awareness.

They are taking some major strides to improve their outlook on multiculturalism.

"Northwest has taken the initiative to become a multicultural globally focused community," Hetzler said.

This year there have been obstacles to overcome to achieve this goal. At the present time, there is no director of multiculturalism at the University.

Also, because of the small amount of multicultural groups at Northwest it is hard to get the support by large numbers of students.

ABC is trying to bridge the gap between its organization and other organizations on campus. They are supporting other groups in hopes that they will get support in return.

How it happened:

The reason February was named Black History Month is because Frederick Douglas, the black leader, and Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. 16th president, were both born in February. Carter Woodson, a black historian known as "the Father of Black History," proposed the idea for an observance honoring the accomplishments of African Americans. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 which later became known as Black History Week and eventually established as Black History Month in 1976.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, sponsors the observance. Each year, the association designates a theme. The theme for 1997 was "African Americans and Civil Rights: A Reappraisal."

History makers:

Sojourner Truth
She joined an antislavery society and spoke out against slavery. She was also in favor of women's suffrage.

Henry Highland Garnet
He was a pastor as well as a political activist. He also continued to advocate violence to end slavery if peaceful methods failed.

William Monroe Trotter
He formed the National Equal Rights League and led demonstrations against plays and films which glorified the Ku Klux Klan.

Harriet Ross Tubman
She started the underground railroad which helped black slaves escape from the South to the free states as far north as Canada.

Bertice: 'It's got to start Berry with you ...'

by Heather Butler

Assistant Features Editor



Bertice Berry inspired, enlightened and humored the audience Monday night during her speech in Charles Johnson Theater.

my head, I am saying get it off."

Throughout her life, Berry has accomplished many feats. She has evoked much laughter in the hearts and minds of others. Among her accomplishments are being an award winning lecturer, a stand-up comedian, a doctor of sociology, and a host of "USA Live."

Through everything Berry has experienced her biggest accomplishment was learning to read.

"Learning to read gave me many perspectives," Berry said. "It gave me a natural perspective because everything has built upon that. On a spiritual perspective, it meant coming into a relationship with God and renewing that and transforming from that perspective on a regular basis."

Alumnus brings celebration

by Jennifer Simler

Features Editor

No stranger to performing, a Northwest alumnus returned to his alma mater stage once again. Only this time, he was not performing with Celebration, it was his own show — his own style.

The Mary Linn Performing Arts Center was pitch black. A deep voice said, "In the beginning there was the beat." A loud, persistent drum beat then thumped through the air.

Other instruments joined in as the curtain went up. Spectators etched to the edge of their seat as if the beat was pulling them closer and closer to the stage in anticipation.

The lights, dances and sounds of Kenny Ray blew the crowd back in their seat as fast as the energy from the music filled the room.

The Alliance of Black Collegians proudly presented Ray Feb. 12 to celebrate Black History Month with the University.

ABC president Kim Merrill only wished the less than 100 audience members could have been greater.

"I expected the crowd to be bigger, but the performance was great," Merrill said. "He's new in the music world, but I would still have expected more students, staff and faculty to participate."

Needless to say, the attendance did not affect Ray's determination to put on an energized show for the crowd.

The third song was dedicated to a "cute little old couple" Ray served when he worked at Houston's restaurant in Overland Park, Kan. The couple had been married for 50 years and looked so in love, Ray said.

The husband told Ray that, "If I can't see her smile, my life's not worthwhile." It was that very statement that inspired Ray to write the song "My Love."

His first compact disc, "Hold on Strong," coming out with Big Owl Productions this month, will contain the majority of the songs he performed.

Whether Mary Linn was filled or not, Ray was more than happy to return to his alma mater and celebrate a special time of the year.

"I was honored (to perform)," Ray said. "I wish more people would look



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director
Kenny Ray, his band and dancers entertained with his gospel music during the celebration of Black History Month.

at it like winning a battle. Black History Month means we are all willing to come together as one.

So, I was honored they (ABC) asked me to come perform."

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Unique proposals create memories

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Getting down on one knee just does not seem to be enough anymore. Men are finding more creative ways to surprise their spouses-to-be with the "big" question.

Whether it's a ring in a wine glass or scuba diving in the ocean, proposals are becoming more unique. Northwest is no exception.

Chris Pavalis, public relations major, became engaged Dec. 13 to P.J. Amys, a recent Northwest graduate. It was the Saturday before finals which made concentrating on her tests nearly impossible.

"I went home to Omaha that weekend, and P.J. took me out to dinner Saturday night," Pavalis said.

After dinner, they went back to his parent's house and started watching television with his family.

Although Pavalis suspected Amys would propose soon, she had no idea what was about to happen that night.

Later, they were getting ready to leave

for Amys' company's Christmas party when he said, "My mom finished putting the ornaments on the Christmas tree. I want to show you my favorite one."

"We went downstairs, and he pointed at a gold bell," Pavalis said.

Pavalis looked at the bell hanging on the tree. Then, Amys turned the bell around and stepped behind her. Pavalis read the inscription that said, "Will you marry me?"

"When I turned around, P.J. was on one knee and proposed. He totally caught me off guard," Pavalis said.

Amys had replaced the clapper part of the bell with a diamond ring. When he asked if she wanted the bell or the ring first and she exclaimed, "The ring!"

Their wedding is set for Aug. 22 in Omaha, Neb.

Sarah Carr, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, and Brian Kever, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, became engaged Nov. 4, the day after Carr's birthday.

Sorority women traditionally announce their engagement in front of the entire sorority at a candlelighting ceremony.

During the ceremony, the women stand in a circle and pass a candle. On the third time around, the woman who is engaged will blow out the flame.

Kever asked the sorority president to organize a candlelighting ceremony to surprise Carr with a marriage proposal.

Only three of Carr's sorority sisters knew

about his plan.

When Carr received the candle for the third time, she tried to pass it to her friend.

Instead, Carr's friend told her to turn around and she saw Kever, who had snuck in through the door behind her.

Kever was on one knee, and he proposed using his mother's wedding ring.

"I knew we'd get engaged soon, but I thought it would be over Christmas," Carr said. "He totally surprised me."

Paul and Joan Marfice, owners of Marfice Jewelry in Maryville, have heard about many engagement plans in their 21 years of business.

They recall one time when a man planned to place the engagement ring inside a fortune cookie to give his girlfriend during dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Although men are putting more imagination into their proposals, they are still traditionally popping the question at certain times of the year.

Marfice Jewelry sells the most engagement rings around Christmas and in August.

Joan attributes the August ring rush to local students preparing to leave home and significant others for college.

The marquise cut has been gaining in popularity the last five years. The addition of baguettes as side diamonds is also becoming more common.

"I think people just like something different," Joan said.

Last minute wedding tips

- Two to three months before the wedding
 - Mail Invitations
 - Finalize plans with photographer, videographer, baker, florist, reception entertainment, caterer, etc.
 - Finalize ceremony details
 - Purchase accessories such as toasting goblets, cake knives and servers, ring pillow, garter, candles
 - Plan and book location for rehearsal dinner and attendants' parties

- One month before the wedding
 - Arrange transportation for wedding day
 - Purchase gifts for attendants as well as bride and groom
 - Have final fittings

- Two weeks before the wedding
 - Pick up wedding rings
 - Meet with photographer, videographer and reception entertainment

- One week before the wedding
 - Give caterer total guest count and confirm all details with the photographer, videographer, reception entertainment, florist, etc.
 - Confirm all honeymoon arrangements
 - Make sure you have a wedding license
 - Pick up all wedding attire

- On the wedding day
 - Do not forget to take the wedding rings and license to ceremony
 - Leave plenty of time for getting ready
 - If pictures will be taken before the ceremony, arrange for the wedding party to be dressed and at the site two hours before the ceremony
 - Have fun!

Family makes planning chaotic

My parents got divorced four years ago. My oldest brother believed my father's story, and my other brother believed my mother. I stayed in the middle, and I am the only person in the family who is still speaking to everyone.

It is now time to plan my wedding and you would think my family would come together for this event — wrong. Actually, I have been married since July, but my husband and I are planning a church wedding. It took us three weeks of consulting family members to agree on where to have the wedding because everyone has to have a say.

We were going to have the wedding in my hometown, but



■ Cynthia Cole

because I have not lived there for five years I could not find a pastor that would marry us. We decided to have it in Maryville, and my parents freaked out.

My mother was afraid no one would show up because they would have to drive three hours. She was worried about being at the same hotel as my father. She also wondered what the reception would be like with everyone in my family drinking.

My mother-in-law was not coming because she did not want to fly here from Arizona, and there was going to be drinking at the reception.

My father was concerned about how much money the wedding would cost him and wanted to make sure my mother would be contributing the same amount. My father also was concerned about drinking — the fact that there better be drinking.

My oldest brother was concerned about staying in the same motel as my mother. My other

brother only wanted to see my mother and me.

I thought I had it all figured out when I decided to have a reception at the church with no drinking and whoever wanted to could go to the bar afterward. That seemed to solve that problem but my mother found something else to worry about.

My father-in-law handled the situation with my mother-in-law by telling her what my husband and I had wanted to say. "If it bothers you that much, don't come."

I solved the motel arrangement problem by telling my mother and one brother to stay at one motel and the other brother and my father to stay at another. That seemed to work fine until my father figured out that his motel was more expensive.

I finally told everyone to deal with it. After all of this, my husband looked at me and said "Do you just want to elope again?"

Cynthia Cole is the advertising design director for the Northwest Missourian.

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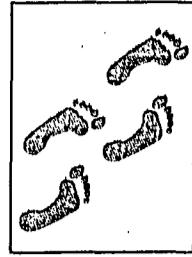
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It's sad that the United States can't even beat Canada in Olympic team sports anymore. Although, our national anthem still thumps theirs. O' Canada, O' please — Whitney Houston could not even make that song cool.

For those of you who have been waiting, Your Man did a rating of bathrooms on campus this week. I have to award the Grand Champion to Colden Hall. I've seen bars (the Palms) that are not that big. If Your Man could get computer access, I'd move in.

Following in a close second was the library and Bearcat Arena. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and take a leak — I mean a look.

While sitting at a local drinking establishment last week, I saw the oddest thing. A girl stumbled in with a crown on her head and a sash that read "Birthday Girl." It was a nice handmade sign that someone spent way too much time coloring with markers.

About six of her closest friends accompanied her up to the bar. I'm sure most of you bar patrons can fill in what happened next.

Her "friends" bought her shot after shot. After each one, they carefully marked down what kind it was and who bought it.

Apparently, it is also tradition to have the birthday girl sign her name after each one. The fact that she knew her name showed that she needed another shot in her friends' opinion.

It was a very poignant and loving moment when one of the friends decided that she was too drunk to have another Yeagermeister shot and instead ordered a Wildberry Schnapps.

Your Man does not want to be the party pooper; it obviously was all in good fun. Good fun for who though? I guarantee Ms. 21 does not remember anything past shot No. 4, however, she can check the record and see who bought her what after that. The list itself is really a keepsake — something you'll be proud to show your kids and future spouse.

The fun then was being had by the "friends" who kept coming up with new shots they could buy her. Their blatant disregard for her well-being was sickening to Your Man. "You're so drunk," was heard more than once. In fact, "I'm so drunk," was also heard quite a few times.

Although, it is not just girls though, guys do it too. The neat thing about them is they can hold a lot more liquor, making it harder to know when to stop. You will never see a guy wearing a crown, sash or carrying a list

though — it would not be manly. Plus, this way if he takes less than 10 shots, no one will ever know.

It's great the bars give free shots to people who just turned 21. Nothing like implicating yourself in a manslaughter case, is there?

Your Man was once prelaw, and I would love to roast one of the owners on the stand. "So what you're telling me is that you give them the first shot free and then keep serving them until their college-age friends decide they have had enough?" As long as they get \$2 for a shot, what do they really care though?

Worse yet are their so called friends who shove shot after shot down their throat. You determine the entire night's success or failure by whether or not you can make them throw up. What will make you throw up is if your friend gets alcohol poisoning or dies from any other alcohol-related death.

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I tell my friends from other schools about this ritual, and they think we are all crazy. At most schools, they go out and get hammered with the good old fashioned weapon of choice — beer. Sure it is still dangerous, and it is binge drinking, but not to the extent that our 21 ritual has become.

I know, I know, it's tradition. Although being a tradition does not make it correct. Freshmen do not wear beanies anymore, and Using Computers is no longer easy. All good things must come to an end. Fortunately for us, this should not be viewed as a good thing ending, but rather a bad thing finally dying before one of us does. This should be viewed as killing another '70s tradition. Just like bell bottoms, free love and the Beatles. We need to move on.

I don't want to see that headline in the *Missourian* that reads, "Friends kill fellow student with alcohol." So whether you're a guy or a gal, a 4.0 or a point, black or white, tall or short — the next time you celebrate someone's 21st, do what that Aretha Franklin song says — "Think."

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March 11-19 — Buffalo Hair, Coterie Theatre.
March 14 — Joe Henderson, Folly Theater.
March 26-29 — NCAAC Hoop City, Bartle Hall.
April 15-19 — Schoolhouse Rock Live, Coterie Theatre.
April 18 — Marian McPartland Trio, Folly Theater.

Omaha

March 3 — Hepcat, Ranch Bowl.
March 3-8 — "Annie," Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
March 14 — Gaither Homecoming, Civic Auditorium Arena.
March 18 — Everclear, Ranch Bowl.
March 21 — Geoff Moore, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 1 — Dread Zeppelin, Ranch Bowl.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

Feb. 26-28 — Iowa State Wrestling Tournament, Vets Auditorium.
Feb. 26-28 — "Winnie the Pooh," Ingersoll Dinner Theater.
March 3 — Chick Corea, Civic Center.
March 6 — Arts After Hours Program, Art Center.
March 7-8 — The Planets (All Orchestra), Civic Center.
March 10 — Irish Rovers, Civic Center.
March 12 — Wade Hayes, Supertoad.

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14. *The* *Mutiny*
15. Thine
16. City founded by Harald Haardraade
17. Shiftless one
18. 1492 ship
19. Talk show pioneer
20. Moines
21. NBC's parent

23. Roof material
25. Scram cowboy-style
26. Nightmare street
27. Trappers
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35. Actor Morris
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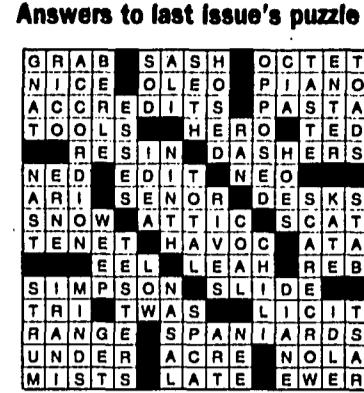
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46. One of the Gemini
47. Looking at
49. Moore of Ghost
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53. Appear
55. Golfer Trevino

56. Trip
60. Chem. or biol.
61. Egyptian snake
62. Baseball's Magie
63. Distant: prefix
64. Small bit
67. Send, as a letter
69. Glass piece
71. The Sons of ___ Elder
73. Hari of spymon
74. Famed volcano
75. Seavred and Clapton
76. Did perfectly on a test
77. Oliver or Donna
78. Foreign and front, e.g.

DOWN

1. Etching fluid
2. Dip out
3. Many Louvre works
4. ___ Note
5. Search out
6. Blew up
7. *Ubu* (Alfred Jarry play)
8. Family members
9. Iotas
10. Pinnacle

12. Underwood of "L.A. Law"
13. Ilks
22. Cumulus, e.g.
24. Sources of second winds
28. Dilapidated
29. Leer
30. Rensselaer's city
31. Hatcher of *Soapdish*
33. Makes gentle factors
36. Heredity (Jarry play)
38. ___ Act (1862)
40. Missing, GI-style
41. Akin
42. Climb upon



practice
my ___
12. Underwood, to Lily Munster
45. Marilyn Monroe
48. Mobsters' guns
52. McCormick's invention
54. Did a farm job
56. " ___ Mia" (Abba)
57. Singer Hayes Skinner
58. Vendetta cause, sometimes
59. Paten
64. Cornelia Skinner
65. Singer Nelson
66. Polanski film
68. ___: A Dog
70. Wind dir.
72. Area measure

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Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director

Adam Dorrel and Scott Courter (above) encourage the players by yelling "defense" during Saturday's basketball game against Missouri Western State College. Dorrel and Courter, both Bearcat football players, are used to fan participation at sporting events. (Below) Boston Schneider, a Bearcat superfan, claps the team on at the game. He knows most of the players by name and number and also prays for every member before bedtime.



Darren Papek/Photography Director

'Cats' fans rock Arena

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

While he watches the game, his eyes never leave the court. He knows all the players' names and numbers and religiously attends all the home games. This superfan has a unique devotion to the Bearcats — especially since he is only 3 years old.

Boston Schneider, son of Shari and Dean Schneider, is one of the Bearcats' biggest fans.

Boston is so dedicated he will not leave the arena at halftime or during warm-ups, Shari said.

"He calls it the green and white team," Shari said. "We just went to games and he totally picked up on it. He even knows some of the lingo."

Boston is such a huge supporter of the Bearcats that at night before bedtime he prays for every member of the team.

"Tuesday night (after the Missouri-Rolla game) he sat down to say his prayer and said 'Mommy, I don't want to pray for anyone,'" Shari said. "He said that he wanted to pray for the Bearcats, Maurice (Huff), Shakey (Harrington), Mike

(Morley), (Phil) Simpson, (Matt) Redd ..."

Boston loves the Bearcats, but he is not the only superfan.

Diane Krueger, geology/geography instructor, is a huge supporter of the Bearcats. She has attended nearly all the home games.

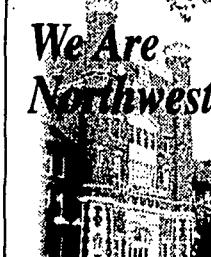
"I believe in supporting them no matter how they are doing," Krueger said.

Krueger not only attends the games but really participates in the action. When songs such as "YMCA" play, she along with registrar Linda Girard and Jim Smelzer, chemistry/physics professor, cheer and dance to the music.

"I am very excited about how well our team has done this year," Krueger said. "(I) hope they do well in the postseason games and no matter what happens — they've had a great season."

There has been a rise in the crowds as the season progressed, athletic director Jim Redd said.

The Bearcat's next game in the MIAA tournament is at 7 p.m. tonight in Bearcat Arena. Redd hopes that all the fans will come out and support the Bearcats against Pittsburg State University.



■ Young, old alike cheer Northwest teams to victories

Lab tests find metal increase in area landfill

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

An increase of heavy metals has been found in the Maryville landfill following two lab tests that came back Monday.

The flaw in the landfill will not cause any harm to the residents of Maryville but it is a problem that must be rectified, City Manager David Angerer said.

The Maryville landfill has been in existence since the early '70s, and Angerer believes fixing the problem would not be the answer.

The problem with the landfill is that there is no liner at the bottom, Angerer said.

The two labs involved in the tests said there is a definite problem with the structure of the landfill. The only solutions to the problem, Angerer said, are to keep a closer eye on the landfill and to keep it in operation until it is necessary to shut it down.

A new landfill was expected before this problem arose, because it is already close to holding its maximum capacity.

The city has called in an engineer to assess the situation.

John Rockhold of Terricon Engineering will help with the investigations. Rockhold will also be present at the City Council meeting in March to answer any questions.

Iraq controversy

Hussein backs down, local reserves stay home

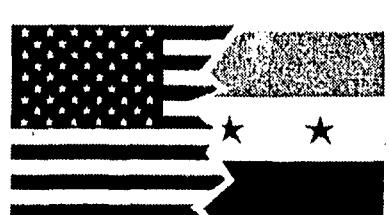
by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed Sunday to allow United Nation's weapons inspectors into his presidential palaces to avoid another Gulf War and to end the standoff between the two nations.

The agreement was met by U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan and Hussein. It says that the United Nations will postpone an air attack if Hussein allows weapons inspectors to search for unlawful weapons.

Because Hussein has met the United Nations' part of the deal, the United Nations has agreed to gather diplomats from 20 different countries to go with the inspectors into the palaces. This was Hussein's part of the agreement and his reasoning behind it is that he thinks U.N. inspectors are primarily from the United States and Britain.

War was not out of the question because of the mass of troops already stationed in the Gulf. Over 25,000 troops were ready to accept orders and more reserves have been sent to



support United Nations' actions. The reserves were first requested by Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Clinton said the United States is planning on leaving its troops in the Gulf to ensure that Hussein keeps his end of the bargain. This action is looked upon as a smart one by a local reserve from Northwest.

"There is no doubt that some of Saddam's actions are improper," weapons specialist Derrick Vidacak said. "The United States should definitely keep its eye on him."

Local Army members questioned whether they were going to have to join the troops already posted in the Gulf and wondered if the cause was a worthy one.

"He is kind of being like a big bully, because he has a right to protect his military," Vidacak said.

Vidacak said the United Nations might have been jumping into something that they should not have been and that this problem should have

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Regents approve funding for Union

■ University to receive money from bond sales for campus renovations

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

A means of paying for the renovations to the Student Union and six residence halls was approved by the Board of Regents last week.

The University will allocate money for the renovations by selling bonds. The bonds are available at the UMB Bank and local brokers, A.G. Edwards and Edward D. Jones, for a minimum of \$5,000. Northwest will use the revenue from increased tuition similar to a U.S. savings bond.

The total amount the University will receive from the bonds is \$22.8 million. Most of them have been sold, and the rest are expected to be sold in the next two weeks, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance.

The bonds are AAA (the highest) ranked by Moody's, an insurance company in New York, and insured by the Municipal Bond insurance association. The bonds are tax exempt.

Courter said the highest rank shows Northwest is a credible institution and will pay the money back.

The bond has a 4.89 percent average interest rate over 20 years. The lower interest rate will give additional revenue for the renovations.

Courter said he expected a 5 percent interest rate that produces \$22.5

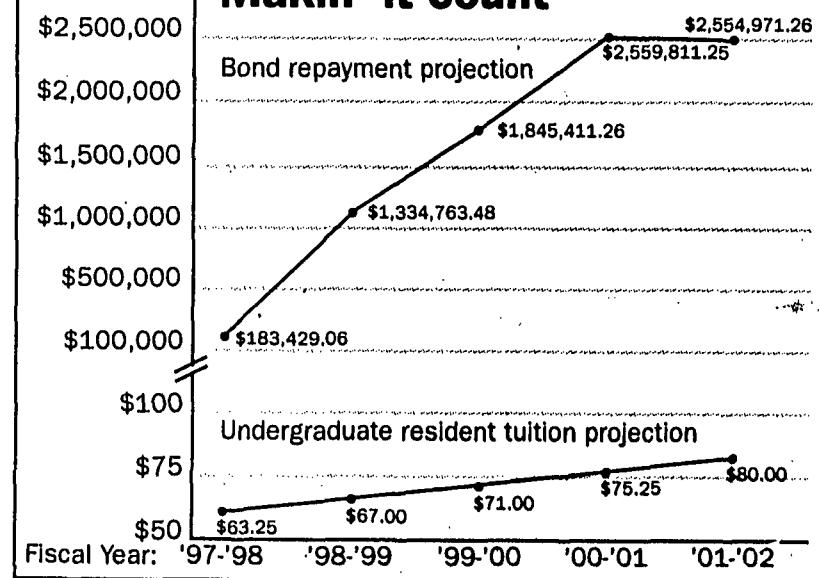
million in revenue. However, the difference of the interest rate increased funds for the University.

"What's really very good about this is the low interest rate," Courter said. "This is a little bit lower than we anticipated."

This extra money will be used for more additions such as new furniture in the Union and residence halls, Courter said.

"We won't have so much money coming in (to pay back for tuition)," Courter said. "We are able to have a little bit higher amount of bond

Makin' it count



Erica Smith/Advertising Director

money coming in to support it because the interest rate is just a little bit lower."

Renovations to the Union will start this fall and will be done in two years. The residence hall renovations will be finished in three years.

South Complex (Cook, Richardson and Wilson) renovations will be in the first year, followed by Phillips Hall the next year. Hudson Hall's minor renovations (new windows and front entry) will be completed over the summer.

My Turn**K-State loses media leader for no reason**

Ever since Sarah Brady spoke to a crowd at Charles Johnson Theater, questions have been raised on campus regarding First Amendment rights.

While discussing it with other students, I have received comments such as "Well you are just one of those journalism people who care about the First Amendment" or "The *Northwest Missourian* is just trying to stir up trouble."

While each of these comments are ludicrous, the first does offer some truth.

I do care about the First Amendment and students and faculty alike around different campuses are fighting right now, just as Northwest, to ensure those rights to all individuals.

Possibly one of the strongest examples concerns Ron Johnson, the student publications director for Kansas State University. Johnson was relieved of his position with no warning or explanation, violating his First and Fourteenth amendment rights.

I am not going to pretend that I know Johnson well or that any of the work at Kansas State University's student publications department has in any way directly affected me.

His work at KSU has indirectly affected me and the student publication departments at universities all over the nation, because it's the *Collegian* (the daily newspaper at K-State) that has set national standards.

Johnson has become a name and man much respected in the eyes of journalism advisers and students who he helps by critiquing their newspapers at conventions, giving advice over e-mail and encouraging other advisers to be a "counselor, listener, lobbyist, treasurer, cheerleader and trend-watcher."

Johnson has been involved with the College Media Advisers association for years, serving as both vice president and president.

He has worked positions on both the Kansas Scholastic Press Association and the Kansas Student-Press Legislation, which restored First Amendment rights to public high school students in 1992.

He has given so much to the journalism community, that it is so shocking that one thing guaranteed to us, due process and the First Amendment, was taken away from him Feb. 5 during the Kansas State Board of Student Publications meeting.

The day they decided to vacate Johnson's job without explanation or due process was the day that one of the top-ranked journalism departments in the country began its downfall.

It is a sad and scary day for journalists everywhere.

So many questions run through my mind.

I wonder how the board that runs such a strong student publications department agrees to let go one of the best leaders in the country. Good leadership and strong publications go hand-in-hand.

I wonder how student representatives, those elected to support and interpret the views of all students, can go behind closed doors to discuss this issue? It goes directly against what every college student government should support — teamwork and communication for all involved.

I am ashamed for their board members and feel bad for the students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at KSU.

Their feelings of betrayal can be read on numerous outlets such as the *Collegian*'s website to the numerous e-mails sent by present and past editors alike asking for answers.

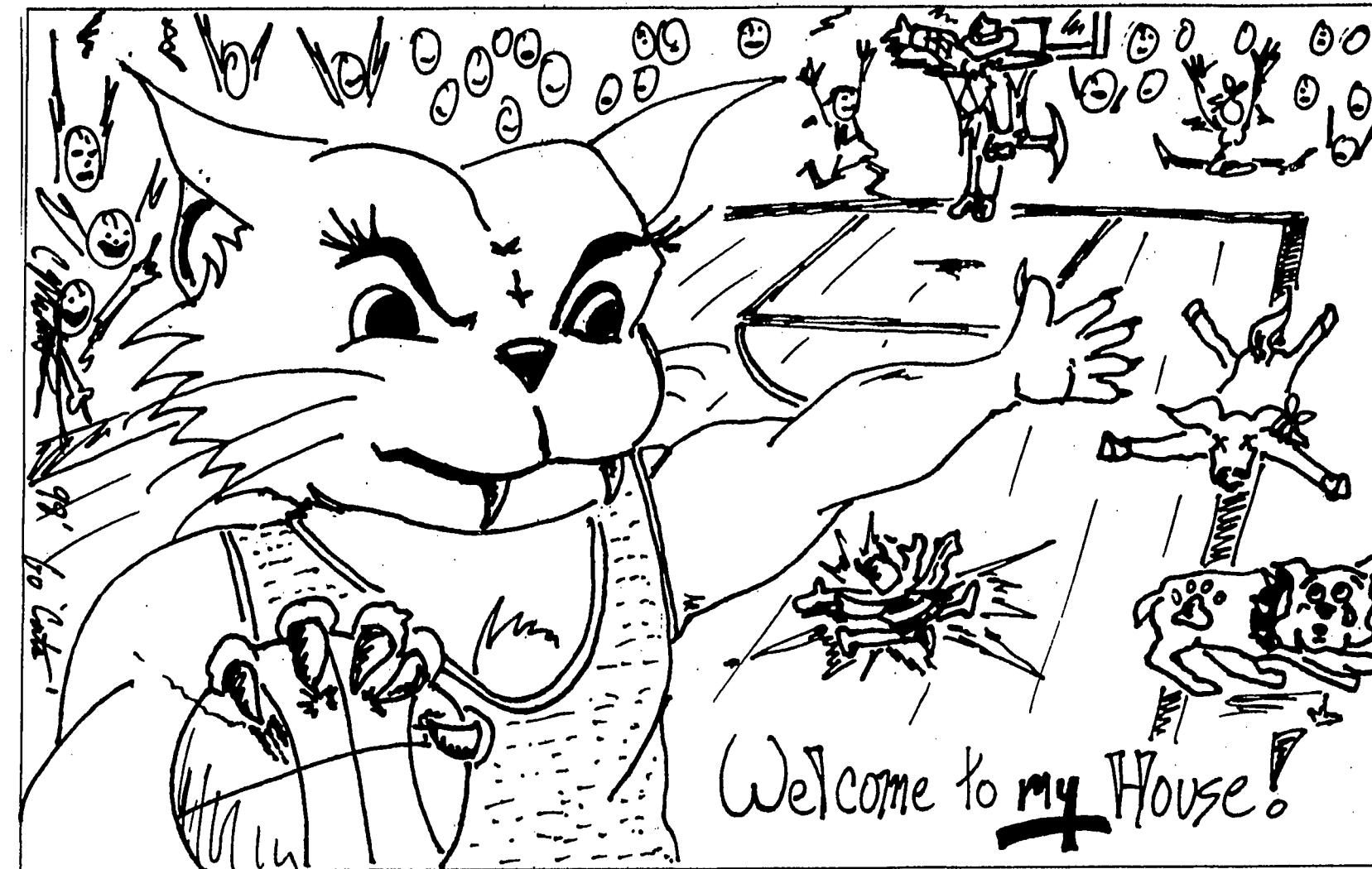
I hope one of two things happen for KSU. One, I hope the board explains the decision they felt so compelled to vote. And, two, I hope the university realizes the mistake they made, hires Ron back and starts to appreciate its faculty.

One thing I do guarantee is that if KSU doesn't appreciate Ron Johnson, it will not be long until someone else does.

Jackie Tegen is a contributing writer to the *Northwest Missourian*.



■ Jackie Tegen



Our View
OF THE UNIVERSITY

Athletics attain new heights in MIAA



Northwest athletics have reached quite a pinnacle this school year with championship performances.

The latest accomplishment is an MIAA regular season co-championship for the men's basketball squad.

This from a team that was picked to finish sixth in the preseason coaches' poll. A team that ended up winning 21 games and had a 14-game winning streak. This seems like quite a feat for a team picked as the middle of the pack.

What makes winning so special is that it has been done in triplicate during the 1997-98 season at Northwest. The football team and women's cross country team also brought home conference championships.

The last time a Northwest team won both the football and basketball MIAA championships was back in 1939. Back then, winning was nothing new for the 'Cats, because that was the fourth time they had accomplished the feat. The 'Cats captured dual titles in 1925, 1931 and 1938 under legendary coaches by the names of Hank Iba and Ryland Milner, just to name two of them.

For the football team to win the championship was expected, but for the men's basketball team to climb atop the standings was unthinkable after last season's disastrous 11-16 mark.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer seems to have brewed the

ingredients of this year's team into a winner. If one were to look at this team, they would realize they do not have the one bona fide star.

Yes, there's "Shakey" (Harrington) and the hometown boy (Matt Redd), but a different player steps up at every game to meet the challenge. That is what makes a team a champion, and this year's Bearcats are the definition of team and champion.

Even though they ended the season on a rough note with two losses, they still had a share of the title. They have also moved the semifinal round of the conference tournament. The 'Cats will battle the Pittsburg

State University Gorillas at 7 p.m. tonight in Bearcat Arena.

The team will also play in the South Central regional tournament, vying for a spot in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, March 18-21 in Louisville, Ky.

Although, the 'Cats can only go as far as their fans take them. The crowd was tremendous for Saturday's game against our nemesis Missouri Western State College, but Tuesday night the crowd was very lackluster.

Tappmeyer said after Tuesday night's triumph over the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners, that the crowd that was there really did its job. But the team needs much more support if they are going to make a run in the South Central regional.

It's been quite a year for the Bearcats and their fans. Now, all they need is to keep doing what they have been doing all season — what has taken them this far. Then this team will have a chance to go down in the annals as the best Bearcat team in history.

With a little luck, this team will add to Northwest's fantastic athletic year.

Greek leaders provide additional insight



■ Jennifer Simler



■ Kelly Ferguson

As leaders in the Greek community, we would like to offer an open letter to Gregory Roper, assistant professor of English, and the others whose views of us are based solely on stereotypes and misinformation.

We would like to present food for thought, for your students' next papers.

First, we would like to acknowledge the ratio of fraternity men and sorority women who binge drink is about twice that of those who are unaffiliated with Greek-letter organizations. The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse showed this in a 1991 study.

The Greek community, both nationally and at Northwest, admits this tragedy and is actively addressing it.

Roper, this is about the extent of our agreement with your editorial. And we would like to stress editorial — as in opinion — because the sweeping generalizations merely served to intensify a stereotypical misunderstanding of the Greek community.

It is unfortunate that you assign your students to "defend or attack the fraternity system" and then ask them to "come up with reasons and evidence for their positions," yet, you fail to support your own position with fact.

Please, let us educate you about the four components of "Select 2000." This initiative of the National Interfraternity Council is based on the following:

- Supporting the academic mission of

host institutions.

- Developing value-centered leaders.
- Offering undergraduates an opportunity for personal development.
- Offering involvement in and allegiance to the host institution.

To explain the alcohol proposal

portion of "Select 2000" simply, it is similar to Roberta Hall's alcohol policy. There wouldn't be any alcohol allowed in the houses, but a fraternity would still be allowed to rent out an establishment with a third-party vendor providing alcohol. Parties with alcohol would still exist, just not on fraternity property. This diminishes the risk of date rape and other violent crimes through the reduction of alcohol, when such problems occur.

Roper, you challenge us to "sign" "Select 2000" and "encore it ruthlessly."

It is obvious that the Greek community is already embracing "Select 2000" and its principles. It is endorsed by 32 national fraternities, including nine of the 10 represented at Northwest and two fraternities have fully adopted it.

In an effort to make a difference, members of the 10 fraternities and five sororities organized 17,743 hours of community service and collected \$18,500 worth of philanthropic donations during the 1996-97 year.

More than 800 Greeks and non-Greeks come out each year to support Sigma Sigma Sigma S.O.S. Walk to raise awareness for sexual predator acts.

Eighty-eight percent of student body officers in the past four years have been members of Greek organizations and more than half of the current presidents of student organizations on campus are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

Programs like Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man program and Delta Sigma Phi's Edge program provide a basis for members to build upon the strengths of their brothers to develop personally in such areas as physical, spiritual and social well-being.

All of this is in addition to the Greeks' unquantifiable contributions to the Northwest community during Homecoming and throughout the year.

The sororities and fraternities do make significant contributions to the environment in which we live. We do develop leaders. We do provide our brothers and sisters with tremendous opportunity for personal development, and there are Northwest faculty who appreciate this. Open your mind Roper and see that the Greek experience is one of the many positive experiences Northwest has to offer.

We realize there are problems, but the only way to fix them is to address them and create solutions. Not to become the hub for anti-Greek relations and false information.

Jennifer Simler is the president of Panhellenic Council and Kelly Ferguson is the president of Interfraternity Council.

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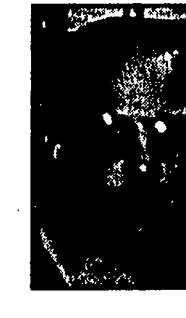
It's Your Turn

What has been the most impressive about this year's Northwest athletics?



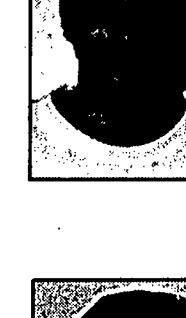
"All of the teams have done well this year. They took their accomplishments in the past and built on it. If there was a bad week, they improved in the next week."

Jenny Tinsley, child and family studies major



"How the whole program is entering into the next level with all the championships."

Jon Gustafson, assistant football coach



"The success of the cross country team has been the most impressive."

Miguel Rivera, finance major



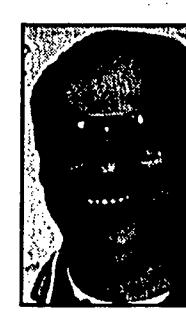
"The success of the football team along with the basketball and track. They are all great."

Karen Barmann, public relations major



"Even though we are a small school, the level of talent is superior."

Jenna Rhodes, wildlife, ecology and conservation major



"They've all played as a team."

Jerry Lutz, Northwest Missouri Cellular community relations manager

Jackie Tegen is a contributing writer to the *Northwest Missourian*.

Career Day helps open doors

■ Over 80 businesses from four-state area seek employees, interns

by Steven Melling

Missourian Staff

Northwest students took advantage of the opportunity to meet with over 80 companies at the spring Career Day Tuesday.

Career Services' goal was to have something for all fields, graduate assistant Amy West said.

Many students attended to gain a perspective on what they need to do to prepare for the job market.

"I think I need to start figuring out where my opportunities lie," said Troy Lehan, psychology/sociology major. "(I need to find out) what I am qualified for, (and) what I am not qualified for."

Companies participating in Career Day were primarily from the four-state area.

Jim Kolarik, a representative of Western Air Maps, Inc., of Overland Park, Kan., said the location of the University, as well as the reputation of the geography department, were the main reasons they came to Career Day.

"The (geography) program here is one of the better ones and it's fairly close. I think it works well with both parties," Kolarik said. "We've got individuals who would like to stay close to home, and Northwest Missouri State isn't too far from Kansas City."

Kolarik said his company currently employs six Northwest graduates among their total of 45 employees.

However, some students ex-



Adriana Albers/Staff Photographer

Dan Ferguson, left, talks with George Kastler, chief parks naturalist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Tuesday during Career Day. Over 80

companies were in attendance for Career Day to give Northwest students an idea of what jobs are open to them in their field.

pressed concern as to the lack of diversity in majors represented.

Geography major Jami Janeczko said there needed to be more businesses offering geography-based jobs.

"It would be OK if there were more things for geography here, but the University doesn't do it, and

we're one of the biggest departments here on campus," Janeczko said. "There's only the (Missouri) Department of Natural Resources and Garmin and Western Air Maps here."

Other companies at Career Day that have hired Northwest students were Archer Daniels Midland Com-

pany and Mutual of Omaha.

Northwest Alumnus Bruce Barstow works for Mutual of Omaha and believes Northwest students are a great asset to his company.

"The computer science department here and the M.I.S. program are very solid and we get good recruits out of here that stay with us," Barstow said.

Board of Regents announce interim dean for semester

by Stephanie Zellstra

Assistant News Editor

The College of Professional and Applied Studies will see a new face as the interim dean of the college next fall.

Arley Larson, chairman of the agriculture department, will be temporarily filling the position for Ron DeYoung who will serve on the Missouri in London program.

Northwest has an agreement with Truman State University and Southwest Missouri State University to provide a faculty member each fall semester for the Missouri in London business internship program.

The agreement began three years ago, and this semester it is Northwest's turn to provide a faculty member.

DeYoung's duties while in London will include coordinating the internship program with the different companies, assigning evaluations of the interns and teaching international management.

"I am very excited about the program," DeYoung said. "Anytime we can broaden our horizons, we need to take advantage of it. We need to be able to understand people in the type of world we have today."

DeYoung's wife will be accompanying him on the trip and their two daughters hope to take vacation time so they will be able to meet up with them in Europe.

While DeYoung has been making plans, there has also been plan-



■ Ron DeYoung

ning with Provost Tim Gilmour about his replacement. The Board of Regents recently announced that Larson will be the interim.

De Young asked Larson in the beginning of February if he would fill the position.

Larson found it was a great opportunity to expand himself professionally and took the position.

"I was real honored that I was even approached about the position," Larson said. "I am viewing this as professional internship. It will help me gain an understanding of the position. I am potentially interested in the position."

De Young also believes it is a good opportunity for Larson to gain some credit for himself.

Another aspect that Larson likes about the position is that it has a definite end. He also hopes to gain experience.

Some of the duties he will assume will be the fiscal elements of the college, being a representative to the administration and the day-to-day operations of the college.

There will be a transition period where Larson can learn more details about the position before De Young leaves for London.

Faculty members present innovative way of learning

■ Coordinating Board receive presentations about Modular Learning

by Mark Hornickel

Chief Reporter

A group of Northwest faculty travelled to Jefferson City to demonstrate a new way of learning.

Eight faculty members, representing four different courses, presented the new Modular Learning Program to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education last week.

"It was extremely well received," said Beth Wheeler, vice president of community relations. "The commissioner, who is a very busy person, spent almost the entire two hours with us. It was a very well-prepared demonstration."

It was a very positive experience for the faculty and the Board, said Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences.

"It was a nice, broad array of classes," Barnes said. "The Board began to understand what modular learning is all about, and they can see how are networked campus and the WorldWide Web can be integrated to enhance the learning process."

The faculty members presented four different types of Modular Learning Programs.

Each one lasted about 10 minutes to give the Coordinating Board a taste of the program. They then opened the floor to any questions.

The four courses that were presented in Jefferson City were computer science, music appreciation, writing for media professionals and laboratory science.

"They are all really different in their approach," Barnes said. "They're doing whatever is best for the students. That's the key. If it doesn't enhance learning, then why do we do it? We want to focus on the students."

The faculty members also went to the Capitol building to demonstrate modular learning to senators and state representatives.

"I think it really enhanced the visibility and the stature that Northwest has in Jefferson City," Wheeler said.

The modular learning program is a component of Northwest's Mission Enhancement initiative that the University took to the state legislature last year.

The proposal was to try to enhance and extend the Electronic Campus to enrich and facilitate learning, using information technol-

ogy on and off campus. It was approved and received funding.

In all, 21 faculty members were selected to work on 12 modular projects.

They consist of eight general education courses, three lower division courses and one upper division course.

Now, the University needs to develop the curriculum in more depth, Wheeler said.

"As others on campus want to use technology in the classroom to help

students learn, we'll be teaching them how to do it, how to get into it and how to make sure they're affecting students on all levels of knowledge, understanding and comprehension," Wheeler said. "It's a small nucleus and it's going to start branching out as faculty

members choose to apply it."

Faculty members not involved in the Modular Learning Program will be asked to be a part of the project, which is volunteer based.

Some of the faculty showed a portion of their presentations at the general faculty meeting at the beginning

of the semester.

"That was another way to increase awareness on campus," Wheeler said. "It heightened some interest in people who want to do better. It's such a broad scope that it really was inspiring and the group received it enthusiastically because it wasn't just two people who put their heads together and are turning out cookie cutters. It really spawns creative thinking."

The Modular Learning Program was designed to help students learn at their own pace.

Students that are familiar with certain concepts will not have to sit through a certain portion of a lecture.

Students will be able to work at their own pace on concepts they are unfamiliar with online computer applications.

Accounting majors offer income tax assistance

by Kevin Schultz

Chief Reporter

Each year, April 15 is "D-Day" for most Americans and especially those who do not know how to do their taxes.

The Northwest accounting department has implemented the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

The program is designed to help students and any Maryville resident making under \$40,000 a year file their taxes.

Volunteer members from the accounting department and students majoring in the field will help others learn to do or file taxes in an efficient way.

The service will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. until April 14 in the Union.

"The basic idea is to take the stress off of students and some residents, and it also helps us understand it a little more," volunteer Cathy Pope said.

The experience should benefit the volunteers as well as students and residents.

TRIO programs recognize graduates at ceremony

by Toru Yamauchi

Chief Reporter

The people who proved that financial and academic barriers were able to be torn down were honored Saturday at Northwest's TRIO achievers awards ceremony.

TRIO is originally the three federally funded education programs that teach the basics to help environmentally disadvantaged students. The number of programs has increased to seven.

The University started three TRIO programs: Upward Bound, a program for high school students; Upward Math and Science, for high school students focusing on math and science majors and careers and Student Support Services, for col-

lege students in 1986.

Saturday was the first day Northwest's TRIO programs recognized their graduates. However, the ceremony kicked off National TRIO Week.

Four TRIO graduates, Brad Sullivan, Debby Thomas-Steinman, Peter Heidelberger and Michelle Kellar, were honored for the success they have achieved and what they have contributed to the programs.

Each of those honored graduated from universities. They have also helped recruit new members.

Kellar said she was unaware of the celebration and sees the ceremony as a honor.

"It was a complete and total surprise to me," Kellar said. "I had no prior knowledge (that) I was going to

receive the award. It was certainly a honor."

Kellar joined Student Support Services when she was a Northwest undergraduate.

However, while working on her master's degrees at Northwest in 1995, she was hired as a counselor for Upward Bound and has enjoyed it ever since.

"I just enjoy working with students," Kellar said. "I guess I kind of (want to) help the students as I was helped by students before. I just wanted to give back to students some way."

Recognizing "TRIO Achievers" is just a result of the program's development. It has supported students from financially lower income families that have no college graduates.

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Volunteers drive patients to recovery

by **Angela Patton**
Missourian Staff

The journey down the road to recovery for cancer patients is less bumpy thanks to a group of Maryville residents.

The "Road to Recovery" program provides area cancer patients with free transportation to St. Joseph for doctor visits, chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

The American Cancer Society in partnership with the Heartland Health Foundation saw a need for this service and began the program in March of 1993. St. Joseph's program is one of many throughout the nation.

"It's really a godsend for cancer patients," said Clara Person, who used the program when her husband was unable to go with her.

Cancer survivor Joan Carver served as the Maryville "Road to Recovery" coordinator from its beginning until late last year, then

“It has definitely filled a need in the community.”

■ **Della Rhoades,**
"Road to Recovery" contact at St. Francis Hospital

handed the position to Norma Clark. Clark receives calls from the oncology department at Heartland or St. Francis hospitals and then contacts her drivers.

There are approximately 35 Maryville drivers, who are mainly retired individuals serving three of 16 participating counties.

Clark said the Maryville drivers are very committed to the program, and she finds it easy to schedule trips.

"I often hear 'you haven't called for awhile' when I see one of my drivers," Clark said.

Area drivers made 191 trips to St.

Joseph last year. This brought the total number of miles covered to approximately 135,000 since the start of the St. Joseph program.

"It has definitely filled a need in the community," said Della Rhoades, "Road to Recovery" contact at St. Francis Hospital.

Volunteers have insurance protection from the American Red Cross Association and can choose to drive with a partner.

Erman and Bev Bird have been drivers for five years. They are a retired, married couple who both lost their previous spouses to cancer. The

Birds volunteer because they believe it is a valuable program.

"It's one of the nicest things we could do to help people," Bev said.

"There's a definite need for this," Erman added.

Volunteers pick up the patients at their homes or meet them. They travel to the Heartland Cancer Treatment Center in St. Joseph.

Close relationships soon form between the drivers and patients.

"They feel just like family," Bev said.

Drivers can be compensated for mileage, although, most volunteers do not accept the offer.

Training is scheduled annually in St. Joseph and drivers renew their certification every other year.

The next session will be in the spring.

For more information, contact Norma Clark at 582-5305 or the American Cancer Society at 816-233-2558.

Flowers for sale

Society raises funds, hope

by **M.J. Vinson**
Missourian Staff

Daffodils are traditionally the first flower of spring and serve as a flower of hope for cancer patients everywhere.

The Nodaway County Unit of the American Cancer Society will welcome warmer weather by selling daffodils to individuals and area businesses throughout Nodaway County.

Proceeds from the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days campaign will benefit local patients by funding support services, education and cancer research.

"Through the support of local residents, (the American Cancer Society)

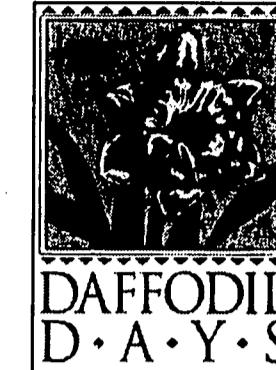
will be able to continue our progress toward educating individuals and serving cancer patients throughout the area," said Chris Pavalis, Daffodil Days co-chairwoman.

The society has set a goal to sell 5,000 daffodils, surpassing last year's sales by 1,000.

Daffodils will be available March 7 and 8 at Hy-Vee, Fields Clothing, Wal-Mart and Mary Mart Shopping Center.

The prices are \$1 per flower, \$7 per bouquet of 10, \$15 per bouquet of 30, \$100 for 250 flowers and \$170 per case of 500 flowers.

For more information or to place an order contact Pavalis at 562-5621 or Michael Vinson at 582-5621.



Area residents winning fights for their lives against cancer

■ **Skidmore fifth-grader**
misses friends, school
because of leukemia

by **Lindsey Corey**
Community News Editor

Eleven-year-old Steven Cureton is a typical fifth-grader. He has six Sony Playstation games, just advanced to Boy Scout status and dreams of going to Disney World.

The only difference — he shreds the snow in "Cool Boarders II" and fights his way to the top of "The Lost World, Jurassic Park" while his friends are in class at Maitland Middle School. His mom, Diane, went to the annual scouting banquet in his place and Disney World may have to wait until he feels better.

Steven advanced to the next level in his battle with leukemia, but he knows this is not a game.

Last November, Steven was becoming so pale and had a reoccurring fever, that his mother thought it was time to see a doctor.

Their doctor sent them straight to the hospital where a bone marrow test revealed Steven had acute lymphatic leukemia.

"It was scary, but I'm glad we didn't wait any longer," Diane said.

Steven faced his first chemotherapy treatment the following day. Before the treatment, 50 percent of Steven's cells were cancerous. The chemotherapy decreased the cancerous cells to 2 percent and the next week, there were none. Steven was in remission, but the battle had just begun.

Treatment consisted of chemotherapy three times a week, twice in St. Joseph and once in Kansas City, for the first month. The second month consisted of weekly chemotherapy through the spine.

Even though he has been lucky enough to only be hospitalized for treatments, Steven has come to know the doctors and nurses well.

"One day, I was complaining that Nurse Jennifer kept coming in and taking blood and putting blood back in like a vampire," Steven said. "The next time she came in with vampire teeth."

Armed with a chemistry set, Steven now talks about being a doctor to himself one day.

"When I grow up, I either want to be a doctor or work at a zoo with animals," he said.

Steven is well on his way. Even though he has missed at least a month of school since the diagnosis, his grades are still as high as when he had perfect attendance.

"As soon as his (white cell and



Jennifer Moyer/Photography Director

Steven Cureton holds up his medal for bravery. His mother, Diane, accepted the pin on his behalf at the Boy Scouts Pack 68 annual banquet. Steven was recognized for his courage after being diagnosed with leukemia in November. He was also promoted from Weeblo to Boy Scout status.

hemoglobin) counts go up, I'm kicking him out, cute face and all," Diane said.

His mother picks up his homework two times a week when Steven has to miss school because of treatments or fatigue.

"I miss seeing my friends the most," he said.

Steven will continue a treatment program for three to three and a half years before he can be considered cured. The next two months will be interim maintenance. Steven's treatment will consist of oral medication and spinal chemotherapy once a month.

After the two month period, regular chemotherapy will start again. If all goes well, Steven will be on the

maintenance schedule for the next few years.

Community members, classmates and even complete strangers have helped pave Steven's road to recovery.

His rural Skidmore home is filled with cards, some are even from fifth-graders at Washington Middle School in Maryville.

Steven's classmates and volunteers sponsored a soup supper last month to help defray medical costs. The event raised over \$2,000.

"People around here have been marvelous," Diane said. "It's wonderful."

In addition to the soup supper, a fund has been set up for Steven at First Bank CBC in Maryville.

■ **Maryville woman battles illness, stays positive despite negative odds**

by **Christy Chesnut**
Contributing Writer

For Marcia Nelsen, cancer is not a dreaded word, a destroyer of life or an impossible obstacle. It is merely a challenge that inspires her to be strong, trust in God and help others along the way.

"I don't live with cancer — I'm living through cancer to the other side," Nelsen said.

Nelsen, who has lived in Nodaway County her entire life, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989 after she found a lump in her left breast. The first doctor she saw told her she was too young, at age 38, to have the disease.

After waiting six months, she finally decided to seek another physician's opinion because the lump began to sting. The second doctor immediately set Nelsen up with a surgeon for a mastectomy and later an oncologist for chemotherapy.

"When I was first diagnosed, my doctor said to use my faith," Nelsen said. "From that point on, I chose to turn to God and seek his healing powers. And that has made all the difference in my attitude, hope and outlook."

During her seven long months of chemotherapy, Nelsen, a wife and mother of two, went through hard times. She had always been a believer and active in her church, but her faith increased when this occurred and prayer became a very important practice in her life.

"I knew I was going to beat it," Nelsen said. "There was a goal to get to — only seven treatments. They were pretty rough, especially the loss of my hair. I didn't look at myself, because it was depressing. It's a chunk out of your life, but because of my faith, it was tolerable."

Nelsen celebrated when she hit her five-year mark of being cancer-free and was relieved that the doctors were certain the cancer was gone from her body.

"I enjoyed each and every day and lived life to the max, knowing what I'd gone through and thanking God every day," Nelsen said.

Nelsen's recent cure made it possible for her to reach out to others who were going through similar difficulties. She joined the local American Cancer Society, where she was secretary for two years, and helped start a breast cancer support group. Nelsen also trained for "Reach to Recovery", a small group of women that speak to others diagnosed with breast cancer.

However, Nelsen was never able to participate in "Reach to Recovery" because in 1995, after seven years

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■ **Marcia Nelsen, cancer patient**



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of remission, she was shocked by the news of a recurrence. In the fall of 1995, Nelsen began feeling lower back pain. A bone scan later revealed the cancer spread to her bones.

"I was shocked, but I wasn't devastated," Nelsen said. "I'm a fighter, and even though the doctors said there isn't a cure, I believe in miracles."

Soon after receiving the disturbing news, Nelsen once again began focusing her energies on things other than worrying about the cancer. She immediately started to draft inspirational writings to encourage those who were praying for her. In addition, she began delivering speeches for local churches and organizations.

Nelsen's writings soon became inspirations for others as she began passing and mailing them to friends, relatives and other cancer patients. She hopes through her 60 passages to give encouragement to others.

"I have no idea how many lives I've touched, but I hear that it is happening and that makes me feel satisfied," Nelsen said. "God has been my inspiration, and I give him all the credit for my writings."

Nelsen truly believes that God is using her as a messenger to help others in similar situations who may not know where to turn.

"I am a witness for God," she said. "I want others to know what has helped me through my trials. This is a testimony, and I wouldn't have testimony without a test."

As an eternal optimist, Nelsen said it is important for her to be around other positive people during this time in her life. She believes she is fortunate that her husband, Bob, is very optimistic, and she is thankful for everyone who supports her.

"My friends and family have been caring, compassionate and supportive," Nelsen said. "I owe a great deal of my strength to their prayers. I find that blessings continually flow in my life through cards, telephone calls and other acts of kindness."

While Nelsen knows she is facing a serious illness, she does not see it as an end by any means. She sees herself as a healthy woman in the future, although she does not live for the future or dwell in the past.

"This is a challenge, but I am meeting that challenge with the help of God, and I am a winner anyway you look at it," she said. "I'm either healed or I go to heaven."

Hopkins community seeks blood donations in March

The Hopkins Community Blood Drive will be Thursday, March 19 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkins Community Center.

Blood donations will be accepted from those over 17 years old who weigh at least 110 pounds.

For more information contact Ruthie Owens at 660-778-3775.

St. Joseph cancer center plans move to new facility

The Heartland Cancer Treatment Center in St. Joseph will soon move into a new facility located on the east campus of Heartland Hospital.

The new, larger center is scheduled to open by May 16.

Half of the new facility will be devoted to radiation treatment and the other area to chemotherapy.



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Public Safety

February 18

■ Jennifer A. Chambers, Rea, was stopped at a stop sign on South Walnut Street. She then proceeded into the intersection and struck Kelly K. Coffee, Plattsmouth, Neb., who was traveling east on Fourth Street. At impact, both vehicles travelled south and then split apart. Coffee's vehicle slid south and struck Scott M. Rutherford, Grain Valley, who was stopped at a stop sign on North Walnut Street. Chambers went over the curb and went through grass and a sidewalk before coming to rest. Chambers received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Holly R. Wilmes, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on North Main Street and was struck in the rear by Jeremiah R. Parkhurst, Maitland. Parkhurst was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Kevin G. Gray, Clarinda, Iowa and Jilisa J. McIntyre, Maryville, were stopped in traffic when Nicholas E. Townsend, Maryville, struck Gray's vehicle which in turn caused him to hit McIntyre's vehicle. Townsend was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 19

■ A Maryville male reported that he observed three subjects breaking into his vehicle while parked in the 700 block of North Mulberry Street. The suspects left the area and an investigation revealed four vehicles had been broken into.

■ While at a local business assisting liquor control, an officer was advised of a male subject who had attempted to buy alcohol with a fake ID. Contact was made and the subject gave his name and date of birth. When the officer advised that he was under arrest, the subject took off running. The officer was able to catch the subject and identify him as Daniel A. Wiemer, 18, Maryville. During the arrest process, it was discovered he had attempted to take a bottle of alcohol without paying for it. He was issued a summons for misrepresentation of age to obtain intoxicants, resisting arrest by fleeing, providing false information to an officer, larceny and minor in possession. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 1100 block of North Walnut Street, the small driver's side window was

broken. She did not find anything missing.

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 600 block of East Third Street.

■ An officer assisting liquor control issued summons to the following: Amy N. Holaves, 18, Maryville; James W. Kennedy, 18, Maryville; Brandi R. Hughes, 18, St. Joseph; and Eric C. Testerman, 18, Platte City.

February 20

■ Nathaniel S. Ruden, 21, Parkville, was arrested in Riverside on a warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to Maryville where he is being held.

February 21

■ An officer took a report that a glass door of a building in the 200 block of West Second Street had been broken by a beer bottle. No entry had been gained.

■ Officers issued a summons to Linda I. Scott, 43, Maryville, for permitting a peace disturbance after receiving complaints of loud music in the 400 block of West 12th Street.

■ A 1986 Nissan was towed from the 1200 block of East Halsey Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Shauna G. Wattman, Maryville, backed from a parking space and struck Rosemary R. Stiens, Conception Junction, and then left the scene. Wattman was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

February 22

■ Officers responded to the 800 block of East Fourth Street on a complaint of loud music. Contact was made with the Jeremy L. Zeigel, 27, Maryville, who was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

■ Rene L. Najera, Maryville, turned in front of Melissa A. Robnett, Maryville, at an intersection on East Third Street. Najera received a citation for failure to yield.

■ Michelle D. Couchman, Maryville, had her vehicle struck while it was parked by a hit and run driver on the 200 block of South Laura Street.

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New Arrivals

Madison Mae Cabbage

Steve and Renay Cabbage, New Market, Iowa, are the parents of Madison Mae, born Feb. 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and joins two brothers.

Grandparents are Fred and Sandy Lamer, Maryville, George and Ellen Dumont, Seconk, Mass.; Ladonna Cabbage, New Market, Iowa, and Thaine Cabbage, Clarinda, Iowa.

Ambrows Moreland III

Ambrows and Brandi Moreland, Maryville, are the parents of Ambrows III, born Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are James and Joan Mathews, and Ambrows Sr. and Eudora Moreland, all of Lufkin, Texas.

Jacob Anthony Partridge

Jeff and Jennifer Partridge,

Obituaries

Marian "Jackie" Lowrance

Marian Kathleen "Jackie" Lowrance, 73, Maryville, died Feb. 21 at Beverly Manor in St. Joseph.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1924, to Jessie and Nellie Ray.

Survivors include one daughter, Marian Wilder; two sons, Roe and Mike; one sister; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 24 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville.

Ray Rowlett

Ray Lavelle Rowlett, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 22 at his home.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1915, to Elijah and Myrtle Dovel.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary; and two sons, Roger and Richard.

Services were today at 1:30 p.m. at Service Funeral Home in Maryville.

WABASH

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goes," Ecker said.

Drake declined to comment about the lawsuit.

However, this case is just one of three ongoing Wabash suits.

A battle in Maryville between primary litigant Harvey Williams and defendants, the Friends of the Wabash and the city, is still in the discovery period.

During this period, both sides are attempting to clarify their arguments.

A Nodaway County battle between the appellant Wabash group and adjacent landowners, primary litigant Carroll Lee "Bud" Boyles, is in the Missouri Supreme Court. The Friends of the Wabash will turn in a brief for the judgment to the court due March 27 followed by Ecker's.

Ecker said in addition to these lawsuits, another and last suit concerning the Wabash Trail in Nodaway County, will be filed in March.

Boyles's case is the battle of a six-mile piece of land where the railroad purchased through easement by contribution in 1879.

Maryville, are the parents of Jacob Anthony, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Richard and Marguerite Conley; and Jack and Jo Ann Partridge, all of Maryville.

Abigail Nicole Van de Ven

Kevin and Kathy Van de Ven, are the parents of Abigail Nicole, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins two sisters.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Seier; Mr. and Mrs. David Erlbacher; and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Van de Ven, all of Cape Girardeau.

P.J. Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter, Maryville, are the parents of P.J., born Feb. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins one sister.

Grandparents are Gerald Dean

Porter, Maryville; and Mary Ann McGary, Clyde.

Kirk Blaine Murphy

Rodney Murphy and Carrie Teegarden, Tarkio, are the parents of Kirk Blaine, born Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Jack and Dawn Miller, Maryville; and Michael R. and Mildred Murphy, Barnard.

Christopher Allen Roush

Lenny and Kimberly Roush, Worth, are the parents of Christopher Allen, born Feb. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Connie and Mike Holcomb, Albany; and Leonard and Esther Roush, Worth.

Dreven Seth Wayne Kern

Clinton Kern and Faith Sanders, Bethany, are the parents of Dreven

Seth Wayne, born Feb. 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Grandparents are Paula Sanders, Patrick Woodford; and Sherrie Kern, all of Bethany.

Trevor Allen Cain

Brian and Amy Cain, Maryville, are the parents of Trevor Allen, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Grandparents are LeAnn Horoun, Maryville; Richard Stringer, Hopkins; and Allen and Mary Cain, Oregon.

Koby Charles Reynolds

Leila R. Bratton and Brandon J. Reynolds, Maryville, are the parents of Koby Charles, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Joseph C. Reynolds, Maryville, Denise D. Reynolds, Overland Park, Kan.; and Carolyn Bratton, Porterville, Calif.

the terms of the agreement and thinks it is a better way to go about it, considering the options.

"If we go to war, we will not have the support that we had the first time," Reserve Mark Blain from Maryville said. "Plus, we did not finish the job the first time."

Hussein is looked upon as a nuisance who does not conform to United Nations standards. If he does not behave, local members of the Army are not about to let him or his military threaten the lives of innocent people across the world.

"I think that (Hussein) is holding back, and if the country goes to war, I think he will pull out all of the stops," Blain said.

Blain went on to say that if Hussein keeps taunting the United Nations and continues toying with them, war may become necessary.

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On the Sideline

Martin ruling bad for golf, unfair to others

If you read last week's sports column you were probably wondering who the heartless, uncouth colleague was who said Casey Martin should play in the Special Olympics.

Well he is I, and I am him. I will not lower myself to potshots in this column.

What I said sounded like a joke or a cheap shot at Martin, but I was serious. I really do not know if the Special Olympics offers golf as an event, but I do know it is for people who have dreams they cannot live up to because of a mental or physical handicap.

I understand the Special Olympics. My mother is a big supporter and when I was younger I attended many events.

The problem I face is Martin's court ruling was very unjust, changing the entire sport for one man. Other sports do not do this.

Do not get me wrong, I feel for Martin. I'm sorry that his condition hinders his walking and it's not his fault. I'm sure he would love to walk the course without any pain, but he can't. That is what professional sports are about. Very few people grow up to become professional athletes, because many are not blessed with the right tools. This is how I see Martin, like a guy who was not big enough or strong enough to make it.

Martin is not the only professional athlete who has to deal with a handicap. Jim Abbott, the journeyman major league pitcher who pitches every game with only one fully developed hand. He has developed a way around his handicap, by practicing a technique to throw and catch using the same hand.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, guard for the Sacramento Kings suffers from Tourette's syndrome which makes his muscles involuntarily flinch and twitch. He not only overcame his illness to play a sport much more physically demanding than golf, but he is a starter.

These players have worked through their handicaps, in more physical sports. They do not ask for special treatment or rules — they just play to the best of their ability.

The point — sports are about competition on a level playing field and overcoming odds. It's a fact of life, many people do not have what it takes to be a professional athlete. My colleague said "If Martin could have traded his weak, diseased leg for a normal, healthy one, I'm sure he would have done it long ago."

Well, if I could trade my weak, short body for a 6-foot-8-inch strong frame, I would have too.

The lesson Martin needs to learn that we all do not have the right makeup to be a professional athlete, but some people still achieve their dream through hard work and dedication — not the legal system.

JP Farris is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

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'Cats roll over Rolla, Gorillas set to invade

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats play Pittsburg State University tonight in the semifinals of the MIAA conference tournament at Bearcat Arena after ending the University of Missouri-Rolla's season with a 79-67 first round win.

Pitt State defeated Central Missouri State University, 85-67, Tuesday, to advance to play Northwest.

In their only meeting this season, the 'Cats beat the Gorillas 76-70, Feb. 11 at Bearcat Arena. Missouri Western State College and Washburn University will meet in the other semifinal. The winners will meet in Saturday's title game.

After splitting their first two meetings against the Miners, Northwest used a 45-28 second half spurt to end the 'Cats' two-game losing streak.

"We got fired up at halftime," senior forward Brian Burleson said. "It was a do or die situation and we had to take it upon ourselves to pick it up. They beat us before — our first loss in conference (Jan. 5, 69-66). We

knew they were coming in kind of hungry."

Unfortunately, the first half was not as promising.

Turnovers plagued the 'Cats' first half and it did not satisfy head coach Steve Tappmeyer.

"We were a step slow all night," Tappmeyer said. "I felt like it was a carryover from (the 75-65 loss to Western) Saturday. It was a frustrating ballgame. I thought we really needed to play sharp and flush the bad feeling of not playing well Saturday out of our system."

Northwest was led by a balanced attack paced by Burleson's 15 points, junior LeVan Williams' 14 points and sophomore Phil Simpson's 12 points. Senior Shakey Harrington dazzled with a double-double featuring 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Although, the real surprise was junior center Leonard Fields. Fields, who averages 6.9 minutes per conference game, had seven points and six rebounds. In the 13-straight second half minutes that Fields played, he sparked the 'Cats to a 31-15 run.

"In the second half, Leonard Fields really gave us a lift," Tappmeyer said. "He's a player that hasn't played a lot of minutes, but he gave us some energy and we may need to look deeper onto our bench for a couple more (players)."

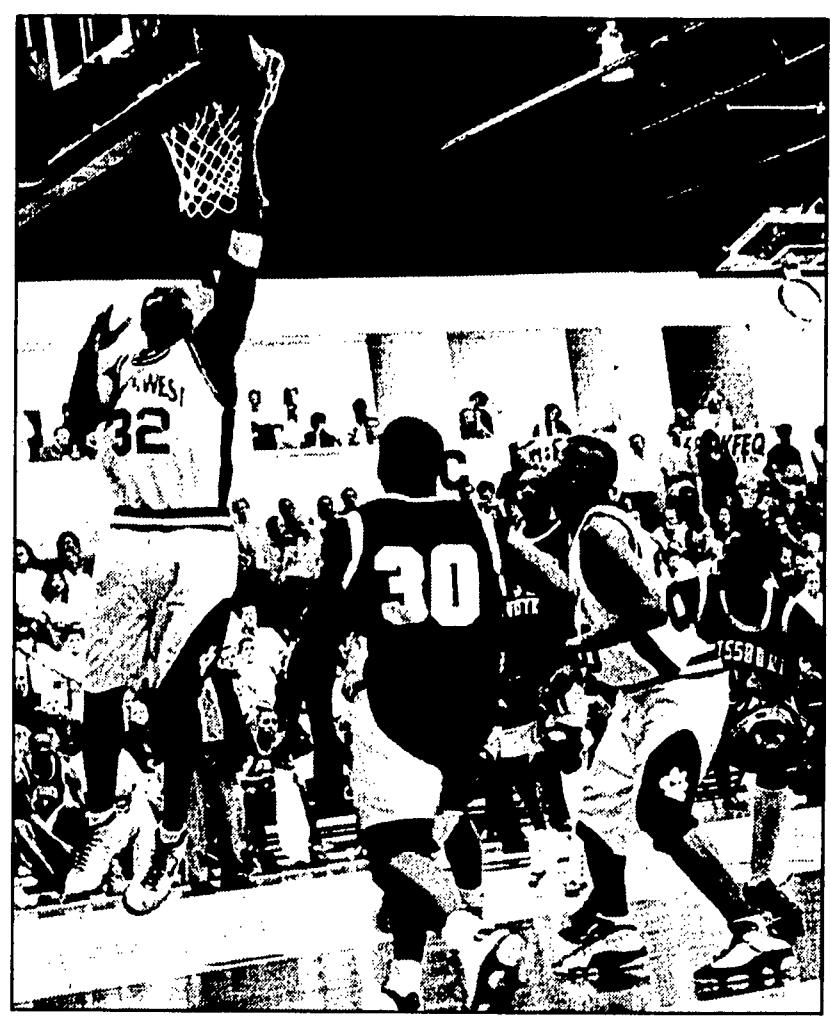
The 'Cats had to settle for a tie for the conference championship with Western after losing to them.

The 'Cats were tired after facing the toughest part of their season coming in the second half of the conference season, Tappmeyer said.

"We're on a streak of awfully tough ball games, (Missouri) Southern (State College) down there, Pittsburg, (and) Central (Missouri State University) down there, Washburn on the road and then coming in here Saturday," he said.

The Bearcats' play was indicative of their fatigue and lack of concentration, Tappmeyer said.

"They came out and had great intensity, and it seemed we were a step behind," Tappmeyer said. "They beat us on dribble penetration and freed up some shooters."



Darren Papek/Photography Director

Senior forward Brian Burleson drives to the hoop in the 'Cats' 75-65 loss to Missouri Western State College Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

SBU knocks women out of MIAA

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

It was a do or die situation when the women's basketball team took the floor Monday night against Southwest Baptist. With the final whistle came the end of the game and what could be the end of the 'Cats' season.

Northwest was eliminated from the MIAA postseason tournament but still has a chance to receive an at-large bid for the NCAA Division II Tournament. The 'Cats will find out if they will go on at 6:30 p.m. Sunday when the selection committee releases the tournament field.

A 92-75 loss could be the final page in a long year

where the Bearcats overcame injuries and diversity to put together a season of highs and lows.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the lowest part came at the end of the year when they dropped their final four contests and fell to an 18-9 overall record.

"This was a great women's basketball game," head coach Wayne Winstead said. "It was very intense and there was a lot of banging under the boards. But once again, I think the difference for us was that we just ran out of gas."

The lack of bench play on Northwest's sideline seemed to be the one obstacle the women could not overcome. In the game against Southwest Baptist, the bench was outscored 30-5. Injuries and a player quitting put restraints on Winstead's substituting options. This also made his starters work extremely hard.

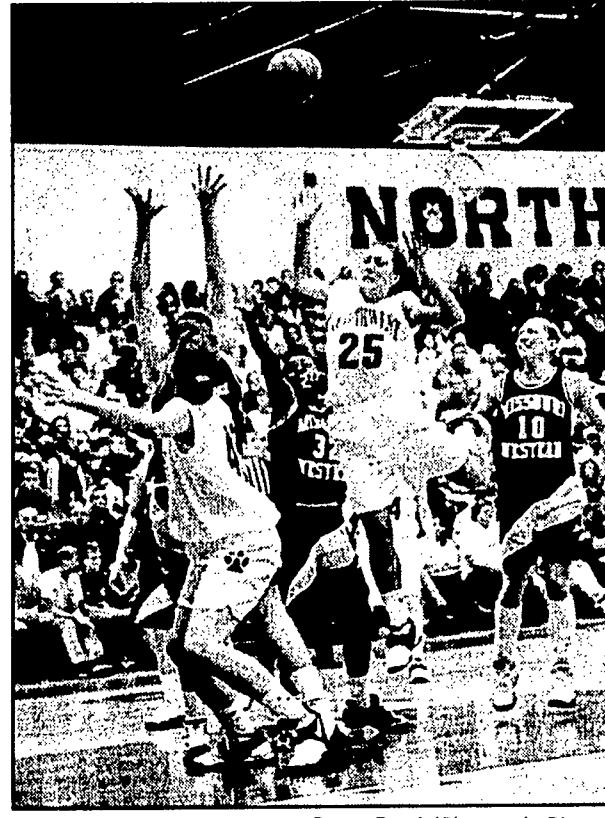
The season was not without its milestone achievements. Senior guard Pam Cummings broke every assist record at Northwest and owns every MIAA assist record as well. Also senior forward Annie Coy moved into ninth in the conference in scoring.

"These girls are a very special group, especially the seniors," Winstead said. "They played hard no matter what and this whole group did very well."

Now, the Bearcats can only sit and wait and hope for

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women's head coach



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Senior guard Pam Cummings (No. 25) goes up for a rebound while teammate Denise Sump looks on.

a bid to come from the NCAA.

"Regardless of what happens, we had a great season," Winstead said. "People who aren't as close to this team as I am can't see what goes on inside. During my career here at Northwest, I have never coached a group who was on top of the game for the full 40 minutes like these girls. They are special."

As for next year, Winstead is very optimistic. He said the team already has several verbal commitments to sign and is very close to getting three others.

"With the people we have returning we should be fine," Winstead said. "Also, we have a lot of talent that we are expecting to come in. We should be able to replace most of what we lose but the point guard position will be very critical. And we are excited about the possibilities."

Track athletes vie for conference title

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The men's and women's indoor track teams broke records, met goals and finished high as they competed at the NIAC Championships last weekend.

Junior Brandy Haan, who broke the school record in the 55-meter dash for the second week in a row, placed first in that event and second in the 200-meter dash, led the women's team along with senior Julie Humphreys.

Humphreys finished first in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

Junior Amber Martin also had a record-breaking weekend, knocking down Renata Eustice's 1995 record in the 1,000-meter run, while placing second in the event.

The women placed in 14 of the 18 events they entered against mostly NAIA competition.

The team is preparing for the

MIAA championship, Sunday and Monday in Warrensburg. The women were picked to finish first in the MIAA Coaches Indoor Pre-Meet poll, followed by Emporia State.

The men's team had a successful weekend at the NIAC championships, bringing home personal bests in nearly every event and two provisional qualifications in the high jump.

Senior Chad Sutton, junior Jason Yoo and freshman Frank Taylor led the 'Cats at the meet. Sutton and Taylor placed second and third in the high jump respectively.

Both provisionally qualified for nationals in the event, and Yoo finished second in the 600-yard run.

The men's performance at the meet helped to prepare them for the upcoming MIAA conference meet where goals are high.

The men were ranked fifth in the pre-meet poll.

Athletic Shorts

Baseball season begins in Texas

Rain also stopped the 'Cats from playing as they travelled to take on Tarleton State College in Stephenville, Texas, in another doubleheader Sunday.

Up next for the men are two doubleheaders this weekend against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Saturday's games will begin at 1 p.m. at Bearcat Field. The teams will face off Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on UNO's home field.

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State tourney runs roughshod over 'Hounds



Maryville senior Mark Anderson (above) struggles to gain the advantage on his opponent during the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Columbia last weekend. Head coach Joe Drake (right) consoles Anderson after his loss in his final match. Despite the loss, Anderson claimed the Spoofhounds' best finish, capturing fourth-place honors in the competition. Four other 'Hound wrestlers made it to state, but did not place.

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Fourth place in the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament in Columbia is "good enough" for Mark Anderson, a Maryville high school senior.

Anderson led Maryville's contingent. He ended up finishing in fourth place in his weight division.

The tournament started last Thursday and continued through Saturday. Five Spoofhound wrestlers competed at the 1A-2A level. Prior to the match, Anderson's goal was to beat his placing from last year, which was sixth.

"I'll be happy as long as I can do better than I did last year," Anderson said. "I hope to finish with a medal and hope to get third in the state."

Anderson travelled to state competition each of his four years of high school. He said he was a lot calmer than he had normally been in the past. This may have been one of the reasons he was wrestling better compared to previous years.

"I look back at seventh and eighth grade and back then I did not win at

all," he said. "I am kind of used to the pressure now, and I think that helped me a lot."

Anderson started the competition by defeating Colby Knox from Adrian, 16-5, but was defeated by Brendon Fox from Higginsville, 12-6, in the next round.

After finding that first and second place were out of reach, Anderson decided to give third place his best try.

He went three rounds undefeated but came up just short of third place. He started by defeating Andy Laupp from Herculaneum, 15-6.

Continuing on his trek, Anderson also beat Lloyd McIntosh from Maplewood, 4-3, and Buddy Nolan from Mid-Buchanan.

Anderson lost to Matt Defries from Lawson in the fight for third and was pinned in the second round of the match. Having beaten Defries in the past, Anderson was not entirely pleased with the match.

"I was kind of disappointed because I have beat him before," he said. "I was pretty satisfied with the match, I just would have like to have won."

Four other wrestlers also made the trip to Columbia competing with the

best in Missouri and representing the Spoofhounds.

Junior D.J. Merrill also went to the state tournament, but was unable to place after losing to Ryan Faintich from Country Day. Merrill went on to grab third place but lost again to Ryan Pomaizl from Boonville, 13-2.

Senior Ryan Costillo came out on fire, beating Troy King from Odessa, 14-5. He was defeated in his second match by Evan Cobb from Maplewood Richmond, 15-9. Costillo unsuccessfully battled Aaron Avery from Knob Noster. He lost the match, 12-9.

Senior Jeremy Lleras also was fired up and ready to represent the 'Hounds at state. He won his first match against Garret Robertson from South Harris, 14-7. He then went on to battle Aaron Tolson from Oak Grove and was defeated by a fall. Lleras tried for third against Tom Ford from Maplewood Richmond, but took another fall and lost the match.

Senior Adam Chadwick, also lost his first match to Seth Shippy by a fall. He then moved on to wrestle James Drury from Versailles. Chadwick lost to Drury, 11-4.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

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Bench Warmer 7th inning will be quiet at Wrigley

"You're out!" cries the umpire as the toss from shortstop beats the runner to the bag.

Shading themselves from the sun, a group of fans chat on a rooftop across the street from Wrigley Field.

A vendor roars "Peanuts" as he wanders through the crowd.

Suddenly, almost like clock-work, everyone stops. The umpires, the vendors and the fans all become silent, turning and looking toward the press box.

It's the 7th-inning stretch. It's time to listen to Harry Caray sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

It had been the same way since 1982, but tradition will fade into memory now, much like the Cubs' dreams of a World Series title always seem to do.

The great Hall of Famer broadcaster died last week at age 77. Chicago Cubs baseball will never quite be the same.

Caray had been in the broadcast booth since 1945, spending hours in the booth calling games for the Cardinals, A's and White Sox before joining his beloved Cubs.

Still, Caray was different from the rest. It was never just his thick glasses or rough voice; it was the enjoyment and insight he brought to those fortunate enough to listen to him call a baseball game.

In the broadcasting world, catch phrases can make or break a career, and Caray had plenty. "It might be, it could be, it is — a home run!" he yelled, or "Cubs win! Cubs win!" after victories.

Baseball lost one of its great ambassadors. In a time when more fans are turning away from ticket windows, Caray understood what it took to make fans flock to the park.

Perhaps his biggest accomplishment was getting fans to tune into Cubs games. A perennial loser, the Cubs lost their best player last Thursday, not to mention their biggest attraction — a 77-year-old broadcaster with a great singing voice.

"Holy cow!"

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Maryville girls falter in districts, season ends with disappointment

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

A state title is the ultimate goal for any team, but the Maryville girls' basketball team will have to wait until next year.

In the district tournament, the team did not pull together like it had hoped. The Spoofhounds played Benton Tuesday at Lafayette and lost, 34-31.

The team, hoping to grasp a win, struggled with its offense and senior Allison Jonagan said turnovers caused a major decline in the team's performance.

The team hoped this would be its year to go all the way. Head coach

Jeff Martin said the team has improved over the years and gave its best effort.

"We played pretty well defensively, but struggled with our offense," Martin said.

The season has not gone to waste, Martin said. The team has been more successful than it has been in the past, going 17-8.

"This is the best the team has done in 10 years," Martin said. "We feel we had a pretty good season, but it just did not turn out the way we hoped."

With the loss, the team will not be able to advance to state competition, ending the 'Hounds' season. The team should be more successful next

year, Martin said.

"We have a lot of good players returning, and they will take it upon themselves to win," Martin said.

This is Jonagan's last year of high school basketball, and she said if the team keeps improving like it has, they will succeed more in upcoming seasons.

Jonagan said Benton pressed really hard and if the Spoofhounds can get that tactic under control, they will do better.

The 'Hounds played Lafayette last Friday and won 60-54 in overtime.

Winning the last game of the regular season gave the team the confidence it wanted going into the district tournament.

Spoofhound boys advance

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The Maryville Spoofhounds will continue to the second round of the district tournament Thursday.

The 'Hounds will battle Cameron following their trouncing of Trenton Tuesday, 68-24.

Although the Dragons are their opponent, the 'Hounds wanted to focus on improving.

"We're not going to put a lot of emphasis on who we're playing next," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We just want to improve our game."

Most of the team was hoping to face Cameron, and they would not mind getting another chance at Chillicothe either.

"(Cameron) will be good competition," senior Craig Archer said. "It will be fun to play them. We've got to play Cameron first, but we'd like to get to Chillicothe in the finals."

The 'Hounds had no trouble beating Trenton in the first round of the district tournament.

Every member of the team got the chance to play.

"It was good to get that one down and move ahead to the semifinals," Kuwitzky said. "Another positive was that we got to play a lot of kids."

The 'Hounds put the game away early, jumping out to a 9-0 lead with 4:30 left in the first quarter.

By the end of the quarter, Maryville was ahead 19-0. The Bulldogs did not get on the scoreboard until there was 6:33 left in the half. Maryville led 40-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the

Spoofhounds were able to ease up, and the starters saw more time on the bench.

All but two players scored for the 'Hounds. Senior Adam Weldon and junior Ryan Morley led the team with 11 points each. Sophomore Pat Jordan scored eight points.

The 'Hounds were more patient than usual against the Bulldogs. They passed the ball around the perimeter and tried to go inside.

"We were trying to work our offense and get some more inside shots," senior Taylor Hardy said. "We're a bit taller and bigger than they are."

The team also used size to its advantage in rebounding. Senior John Ottie grabbed seven rebounds, all of which came in the first quarter. Morley had five rebounds.

Employee of the Month

This month we have singled out Colin McDonough, managing editor, as our Employee of the Month.

As managing editor, Colin is responsible for running practicum class, designing pages and maintaining unity among the editorial board.

Colin's hard work and dedication can be seen daily. He always has time to help his fellow employees and is always talking about the Iowa State Cyclones. His positive attitude is an inspiration to his co-workers.

We're proud to recognize Colin as our Employee of the Month for February.

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Raising awareness for disorders

by Ashley Gerken

Missourian Staff

St. Gregory's Catholic Church invited community members to participate in an event to prevent eating disorders through the idea of boosting self-image.

Raising awareness for eating disorders in the community was the main goal for Marcie Sherman, a counselor at Northwest, when she helped plan the workshop "Beyond Ken and Barbie" last Saturday.

"The event on Saturday was a success, and we had a lot more participation from the community than we expected," Sherman said. "It shows that there is a need for these types of programs and eating disorders are topic of concern for many."

The event was targeted at parents of preteen, teens and young adults and was hosted by local pediatrician Susan Watson.

"Issues that Adolescents Face Growing up Today" was presented by Bren Manaugh, YMCA Outreach Coordinator.

"I have a commitment to young people, and youngsters have a lot of cultural pulls out there," Manaugh said. "Advertising aimed at young people are a primary culprit on the self-esteem of today's teens. The desire to look like models who weigh 30 percent less than the average population has played a part in the increase of eating disorders."

Disturbing trends in recent years show that one out of every 100 women suffer from anorexia and one out of every seven suffer from bulimia.

Sandra Lamer, a counselor at Lamer Counseling Services, closed the presentations with a speech on the cause, symptoms and treatments of eating disorders.

"The cause of eating disorders is often hard to pinpoint and varies between cases," Lamer said. "Low self-esteem, a feeling of guilt and a need for power and control are all causes."

"It is hard for society to understand eating disorders and the mentality behind it. When a healthy person is hungry they eat. When someone suffering from an eating disorder is hungry they will fight off the hunger and feel satisfaction from not eating."

Counselors teach health awareness

by Aya Takahashi

Missourian Staff

The counseling center sponsored a National Eating Disorder Screening Program Tuesday to educate students about their health and body at the Student Union.

The National Eating Disorders Screening Program is a screening and educational program geared toward young adults. Those who attended learned about eating disorders, took a written screening test, reviewed the results with a clinician and received a referral for a follow-up evaluation, if necessary.

"We are glad that we did it," Northwest counselor Marcie Sherman said. "It's a national program, and we wanted to participate in this program because we heard of people or friends having eating disorders here."

People can develop eating disorders at any stage in their lives so it is important to inform people of all ages of the disease.

"It could be anywhere from something happening in their life such as childhoods, gaining or losing weight, going on a diet or stress," nursing coordinator Joyce Bottorff said.

Stress sometimes make people have eating disorders because they can not control their stress except through eating.

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Black history month

by Ashley Gerken

Northwest working alongside of the Alliance for Black Collegiates acknowledges

February as Black History Month and offers many opportunities to experience African American culture.

Black History month was first introduced by a noted black scholar and historian named Carter G. Woodson, who has been quoted as, "The father of Black History."

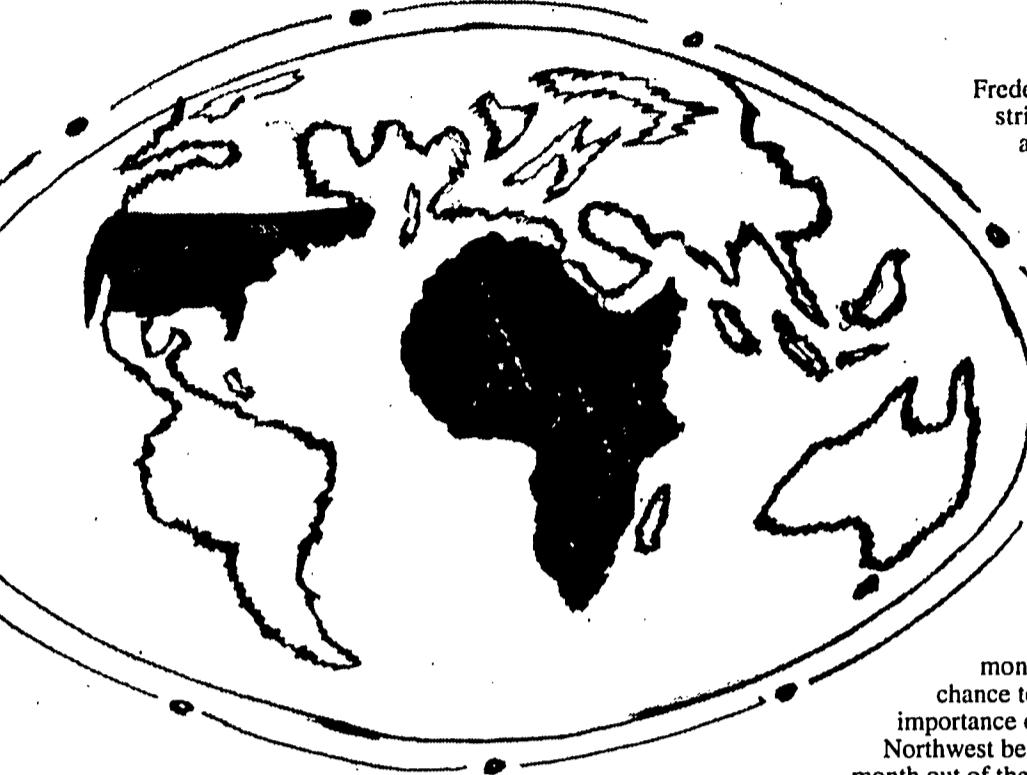
He founded the association for the study of Negro life and started black history week which in the '60s was turned into a month-long celebration.

Black History Month festivities at Northwest started out with a Hall of Fame Feb. 2. It was a collaboration of resources from office to personal items relating to African American culture.

The exhibit featured some of the major African American figures from history up to the present day. These are figures that have contributed to black awareness or have been strong leaders for our country.

The ABC sponsored a career day. They invited companies and individuals to come and talk to black students about careers and give them specific contacts they can make when entering the hunt for a job.

Gospel singer and Northwest alumnus Kenny Ray performed a concert Feb. 12. The concert included a gospel choir, the men of Phi Mu Alpha, members of



Frederick Douglass who strived for black awareness.

"Black History is an important part of our country's history that isn't always emphasized in the schools," said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs.

"Black History month gives schools a chance to focus in on the importance of it all."

Northwest believes that one month out of the year is not enough time to dedicate to multiculturalism awareness.

They are taking some major strides to improve their outlook on multiculturalism.

"Northwest has taken the initiative to become a multicultural globally focused community," Hetzler said.

This year there have been obstacles to overcome to achieve this goal. At the present time, there is no director of multiculturalism at the University.

Also, because of the small amount of multicultural groups at Northwest it is hard to get the support by large numbers of students.

ABC is trying to bridge the gap between its organization and other organizations on campus. They are supporting other groups in hopes that they will get support in return.

How it happened:

The reason February was named Black History Month is because Frederick Douglass, the black leader, and Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. 16th president, were both born in February.

Carter Woodson, a black historian known as "the Father of Black History," proposed the idea for an observance honoring the accomplishments of African Americans. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 which later became known as Black History Week and eventually established as Black History Month in 1976.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History sponsors the observance. Each year, the association designates a theme. The theme for 1997 was "African Americans and Civil Rights: A Reappraisal."

History makers:

Sojourner Truth
She joined an antislavery society and spoke out against slavery. She was also in favor of women's suffrage.

Henry Highland Garnet
He was a pastor as well as a political activist. He also continued to advocate violence to end slavery if peaceful methods failed.

William Monroe Trotter
He formed the National Equal Rights League and led demonstrations against plays and films which glorified the Ku Klux Klan.

Harriet Ross Tubman
She started the underground railroad which helped black slaves escape from the South to the free states as far north as Canada.

Bertice: 'It's got to start Berry with you ...'

by Heather Butler

Assistant Features Editor



Bertice Berry inspired, enlightened and humored the audience Monday night during her speech in Charles Johnson Theater.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Alumnus brings celebration

by Jennifer Simler

Features Editor

Needless to say, the attendance did not affect Ray's determination to put on an energized show for the crowd.

The third song was dedicated to a "cute little old couple" Ray served when he worked at Houston's restaurant in Overland Park, Kan. The couple had been married for 50 years and looked so in love, Ray said.

The husband told Ray that, "If I can't see her smile, my life's not worthwhile." It was that very statement that inspired Ray to write the song "My Love."

His first compact disc, "Hold on Strong," coming out with Big Owl Productions this month, will contain the majority of the songs he performed.

Whether Mary Linn was filled or not, Ray was more than happy to return to his alma mater and celebrate a special time of the year.

"I was honored (to perform)," Ray said. "I wish more people would look



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Kenny Ray, his band and dancers entertained with his gospel music during the celebration of Black History Month.

at it like winning a battle. Black History Month means we are all willing to come together as one. So, I was honored they (ABC) asked me to come perform."

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Unique proposals create memories

by **Angela Patton**
Missourian Staff

Getting down on one knee just does not seem to be enough anymore. Men are finding more creative ways to surprise their spouses-to-be with the "big" question.

Whether it's a ring in a wine glass or scuba diving in the ocean, proposals are becoming more unique. Northwest is no exception.

Chris Pavalis, public relations major, became engaged Dec. 13 to P.J. Amys, a recent Northwest graduate. It was the Saturday before finals which made concentrating on her tests nearly impossible.

"I went home to Omaha that weekend, and P.J. took me out to dinner Saturday night," Pavalis said.

After dinner, they went back to his parent's house and started watching television with his family.

Although Pavalis suspected Amys would propose soon, she had no idea what was about to happen that night.

Later, they were getting ready to leave

for Amys' company's Christmas party when he said, "My mom finished putting the ornaments on the Christmas tree. I want to show you my favorite one."

"We went downstairs, and he pointed at a gold bell," Pavalis said.

Pavalis looked at the bell hanging on the tree. Then, Amys turned the bell around and stepped behind her. Pavalis read the inscription that said, "Will you marry me?"

"When I turned around, P.J. was on one knee and proposed. He totally caught me off guard," Pavalis said.

Amys had replaced the clapper part of the bell with a diamond ring. When he asked if she wanted the bell or the ring first and she exclaimed, "The ring!"

Their wedding is set for Aug. 22 in Omaha, Neb.

Sarah Carr, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, and Brian Kever, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, became engaged Nov. 4, the day after Carr's birthday.

Sorority women traditionally announce their engagement in front of the entire sorority at a candlelighting ceremony.

During the ceremony, the women stand in a circle and pass a candle. On the third time around, the woman who is engaged will blow out the flame.

Kever asked the sorority president to organize a candlelighting ceremony to surprise Carr with a marriage proposal.

Only three of Carr's sorority sisters knew

about his plan.

When Carr received the candle for the third time, she tried to pass it to her friend.

Instead, Carr's friend told her to turn around and she saw Kever, who had snuck in through the door behind her.

Kever was on one knee, and he proposed using his mother's wedding ring.

"I knew we'd get engaged soon, but I thought it would be over Christmas," Carr said. "He totally surprised me."

Paul and Joan Marfice, owners of Marfice Jewelry in Maryville, have heard about many engagement plans in their 21 years of business.

They recall one time when a man planned to place the engagement ring inside a fortune cookie to give his girlfriend during dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Although men are putting more imagination into their proposals, they are still traditionally popping the question at certain times of the year.

Marfice Jewelry sells the most engagement rings around Christmas and in August.

Joan attributes the August ring rush to local students preparing to leave home and significant others for college.

The marquise cut has been gaining in popularity the last five years. The addition of baguettes as side diamonds is also becoming more common.

"I think people just like something different," Joan said.

Last minute wedding tips

Two to three months before the wedding

- Mail invitations
- Finalize plans with photographer, videographer, baker, florist, reception entertainment, caterer, etc.
- Finalize ceremony details
- Purchase accessories such as toasting goblets, cake knives and servers, ring pillow, garter, candles
- Plan and book location for rehearsal dinner and attendants' parties

One month before the wedding

- Arrange transportation for wedding day
- Purchase gifts for attendants as well as bride and groom
- Have final fittings

Two weeks before the wedding

- Pick up wedding rings
- Meet with photographer, videographer and reception entertainment

One week before the wedding

- Give caterer total guest count and confirm all details with the photographer, videographer, reception entertainment, florist, etc.
- Confirm all honeymoon arrangements
- Make sure you have a wedding license
- Pick up all wedding attire

On the wedding day

- Do not forget to take the wedding rings and license to ceremony
- Leave plenty of time for getting ready
- If pictures will be taken before the ceremony, arrange for the wedding party to be dressed and at the site two hours before the ceremony
- Have fun!

Family makes planning chaotic

My parents got divorced four years ago. My oldest brother believed my father's story, and my other brother believed my mother. I stayed in the middle, and I am the only person in the family who is still speaking to everyone.

It is now time to plan my wedding and you would think my family would come together for this event — wrong. Actually, I have been married since July, but my husband and I are planning a church wedding. It took us three weeks of consulting family members to agree on where to have the wedding because everyone has to have a say.

We were going to have the wedding in my hometown, but



■ **Cynthia Cole**

because I have not lived there for five years I could not find a pastor that would marry us. We decided to have it in Maryville, and my parents freaked out.

My mother was afraid no one would show up because they would have to drive three hours. She was worried about being at the same hotel as my father. She also wondered what the reception would be like with everyone in my family drinking.

My mother-in-law was not coming because she did not want to fly here from Arizona, and there was going to be drinking at the reception.

My father was concerned about how much money the wedding would cost him and wanted to make sure my mother would be contributing the same amount. My father also was concerned about drinking — the fact that there better be drinking.

My oldest brother was concerned about staying in the same motel as my mother. My other

brother only wanted to see my mother and me.

I thought I had it all figured out when I decided to have a reception at the church with no drinking and whoever wanted to could go to the bar afterward. That seemed to solve that problem but my mother found something else to worry about.

My father-in-law handled the situation with my mother-in-law by telling her what my husband and I had wanted to say. "If it bothers you that much, don't come."

I solved the motel arrangement problem by telling my mother and one brother to stay at one motel and the other brother and my father to stay at another. That seemed to work fine until my father figured out that his motel was more expensive.

I finally told everyone to deal with it. After all of this, my husband looked at me and said "Do you just want to elope again?"

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**Your Man
questions
why people
turning 21
must
experience
binge
drinking**

It's sad that the United States can't even beat Canada in Olympic team sports anymore. Although, our national anthem still thumps theirs. O' Canada, O' please — Whitney Houston could not even make that song cool.

For those of you who have been waiting, Your Man did a rating of bathrooms on campus this week. I have to award the Grand Champion to Gold Hall. I've seen bars (the Palms) that are not that big. If Your Man could get computer access, I'd move in.

Following in a close second was the library and Bearcat Arena. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and take a leak — I mean a look.

While sitting at a local drinking establishment last week, I saw the oddest thing. A girl stumbled in with a crown on her head and a sash that read "Birthday Girl." It was a nice handmade sign that someone spent way too much time coloring with markers.

About six of her closest friends accompanied her up to the bar. I'm sure most of you bar patrons can fill in what happened next.

Her "friends" bought her shot after shot. After each one, they carefully marked down what kind it was and who bought it.

Apparently, it is also tradition to have the birthday girl sign her name after each one. The fact that she knew her name showed that she needed another shot in her friends' opinion.

It was a very poignant and loving moment when one of the friends decided that she was too drunk to have another Yeagermeister shot and instead ordered a Wildberry Schnapps.

Your Man does not want to be the party pooper; it obviously was all in good fun. Good fun for who though? I guarantee Ms. 21 does not remember anything past shot No. 4, however, she can check the record and see who bought her what after that. The list itself is really a keepsake — something you'll be proud to show your kids and future spouse.

The fun then was being had by the "friends" who kept coming up with new shots they could buy her. Their blatant disregard for her well-being was sickening to Your Man. "You're so drunk," was heard more than once. In fact, "I'm so drunk," was also heard quite a few times.

Although, it is not just girls though, guys do it too. The neat thing about them is they can hold a lot more liquor, making it harder to know when to stop. You will never see a guy wearing a crown, sash or carrying a list

though — it would not be manly. Plus, this way if he takes less than 10 shots, no one will ever know.

It's great the bars give free shots to people who just turned 21. Nothing like implicating yourself in a manslaughter case, is there?

Your Man was once prelaw, and I would love to roast one of the owners on the stand. "So what you're telling me is that you give them the first shot free and then keep serving them until their college-age friends decide they have had enough?" As long as they get \$2 for a shot, what do they really care though?

Worse yet are their so called friends who show shot after shot down their throat. You determine the entire night's success or failure by whether or not you can make them throw up. What will make you throw up is if your friend gets alcohol poisoning or dies from any other alcohol-related death.

It will not be hard to prosecute you either. Your names are all right there on the list. Not only will your friend be dead, but you will get to make numerous visits to the Nodaway County Courthouse. You will meet many new friends in jail, and hey you might just meet that special someone.

I tell my friends from other schools about this ritual, and they think we are all crazy. At most schools, they go out and get hammered with the good old fashioned weapon of choice — beer. Sure it is still dangerous, and it is binge drinking, but not to the extent that our 21 ritual has become.

I know, I know, it's tradition. Although being a tradition does not make it correct. Freshmen do not wear beanies anymore, and Using Computers is no longer easy. All good things must come to an end. Fortunately for us, this should not be viewed as a good thing ending, but rather a bad thing finally dying before one of us does. This should be viewed as killing another '70s tradition. Just like bell bottoms, free love and the Beatles. We need to move on.

I don't want to see that headline in the *Missourian* that reads, "Friends kill fellow student with alcohol." So whether you're a guy or a gal, a 4.0 or a point, black or white, tall or short — the next time you celebrate someone's 21st, do what that Aretha Franklin song says — "Think."

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Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1. Reticent
6. "Kind of A" (Buckingham's song)
10. Laundry basins
14. *The* Mutiny
15. Thine
16. City founded by Harald Haardraade
17. Shiftless one
18. 1492 ship
19. Talk show pioneer
20. __ Moines
21. NBC's parent
23. Roof material in a Williams title
25. Scram cowboy-style
26. Nightmare street
27. Trappers
29. Six-time NL homer champ
32. Hop __! (2 words)
34. Hot Springs, e.g.
35. Actor Morris
37. Rainbow Bridge state
39. Edible part of rhubarb
43. Folk wisdom
44. Horror-film baddie
46. One of the Gemini
47. Looking at
49. Moore of Ghost
50. Shirt part
51. Keep an __ to the ground
53. Appear
55. Golfer Trevino
56. Trip
60. Chem. or biol.
61. Egyptian snake
62. Baseball's Maglie
63. Distant: prefix
64. Small bit
67. Send, as a letter
69. Glass piece
71. The Sons of __ Elder
73. Hari of spymon
74. Famed volcano
75. Seavared and Clapton
76. Did perfectly on a test
77. Oliver or Donna
78. Foreign and front, e.g.

Answers to last issue's puzzle

practice
12. Underwood of "L.A. Law"
13. Ilks
22. Cumulus, e.g.
24. Sources of second winds
28. Dilapidated
29. Leer
30. Rensselaer's city
4. __ Note
5. Search out
6. Blew up
7. *Ubu* (Alfred Jarry play)
8. Family members
9. Iotas
10. Pinnacle
11. Customary

my ...
45. Marilyn, to Lily Munster
48. Mobsters' guns
52. McCormick's invention
54. Did a farm job
56. " __ Ma" (Abba)
57. Singer Hayes
58. Vendetta
cause, sometimes
59. Paten
64. Cornelia Skinner
65. Singer Nelson
66. Polanski film
68. __: A Dog
70. Wind dir.
72. Area measure

Area Events**Kansas City**

March 4 — Boomshaka, Grand Emporium.
March 6 — Lil Ed Blues Imperials, Grand Emporium.
March 11-19 — Buffalo, Hair, Coterie Theatre.
March 14 — Joe Henderson, Folly Theater.
March 26-29 — NCAA Hoop City, Bartle Hall.
April 15-19 — Schoolhouse Rock Live, Coterie Theatre.
April 18 — Marian McPartland Trio, Folly Theater.

Omaha

March 3 — Hepcat, Ranch Bowl.
March 3-8 — "Annie," Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
March 14 — Gaither Homecoming, Civic Auditorium Arena.
March 18 — Everclear, Ranch Bowl.
March 21 — Geoff Moore, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 1 — Dread Zeppelin, Ranch Bowl.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

Feb. 26-28 — Iowa State Wrestling Tournament, Vets Auditorium.
Feb. 26-28 — "Winnie the Pooh," Ingersoll Dinner Theater.
March 3 — Chick Corea, Civic Center.
March 6 — Arts After Hours Program, Art Center.
March 7-8 — The Planets (All Orchestra), Civic Center.
March 10 — Irish Rovers, Civic Center.
March 12 — Wade Hayes, Supertoad.

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